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CLARK KENT
IS THE
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MY COMPUTER-MIND
TELLS ME YOU ARE
SUPERMAN!

I'VE GOT TO KILL
YOU BEFORE YOU
KILL ME!

SUPERMAN

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FORGET
IT,
STEVE
LOMBARD!
THE
MAN OF
STEEL
IS
3,000
MILES
AWAY
SAVING
SOMEONE
ELSE'S
LIFE!

NOTHING I
SAY OR DO CAN
CONVINCE THIS
FREAK HE HAS
THE WRONG MAN!

ONLY THE REAL
SUPERMAN CAN
BAIL ME OUT
OF THIS!

YOU
DON'T
KNOW
IT,
SUPERMAN!
BUT
WITHIN
24 HOURS
YOU
WILL
HAVE
TO
SAVE
ONE
MORE
LIFE...
OR
DESTROY
IT!

KILL ME OR LEAVE ME!

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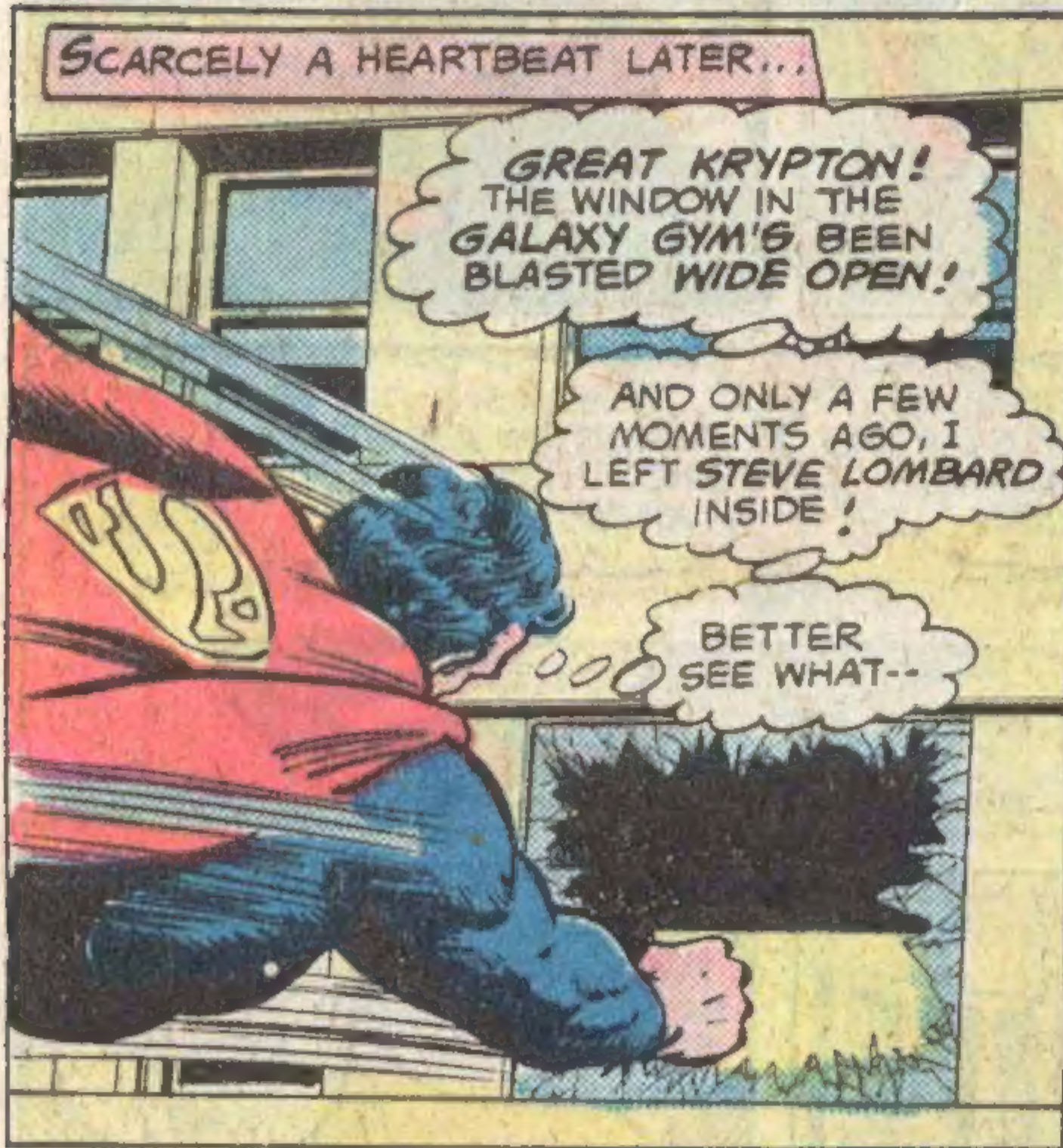
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NOW TO HOT-SHOT
IT BACK TO THE
GALAXY BUILDING
BEFORE CLARK KENT
IS MISSED!

THIS RESCUE
TOOK LONGER
THAN I EXPECTED--
A FULL MINUTE!



SCARCELY A HEARTBEAT LATER...

GREAT KRYPTON!
THE WINDOW IN THE
GALAXY GYM'S BEEN
BLASTED WIDE OPEN!

AND ONLY A FEW
MOMENTS AGO, I
LEFT STEVE LOMBARD
INSIDE!

BETTER
SEE WHAT--



SUPERMAN! TALK
ABOUT BAIL-OUTS--!

QUICK-- TELL THIS
TURKEY I'M REALLY
ME-- NOT YOU!

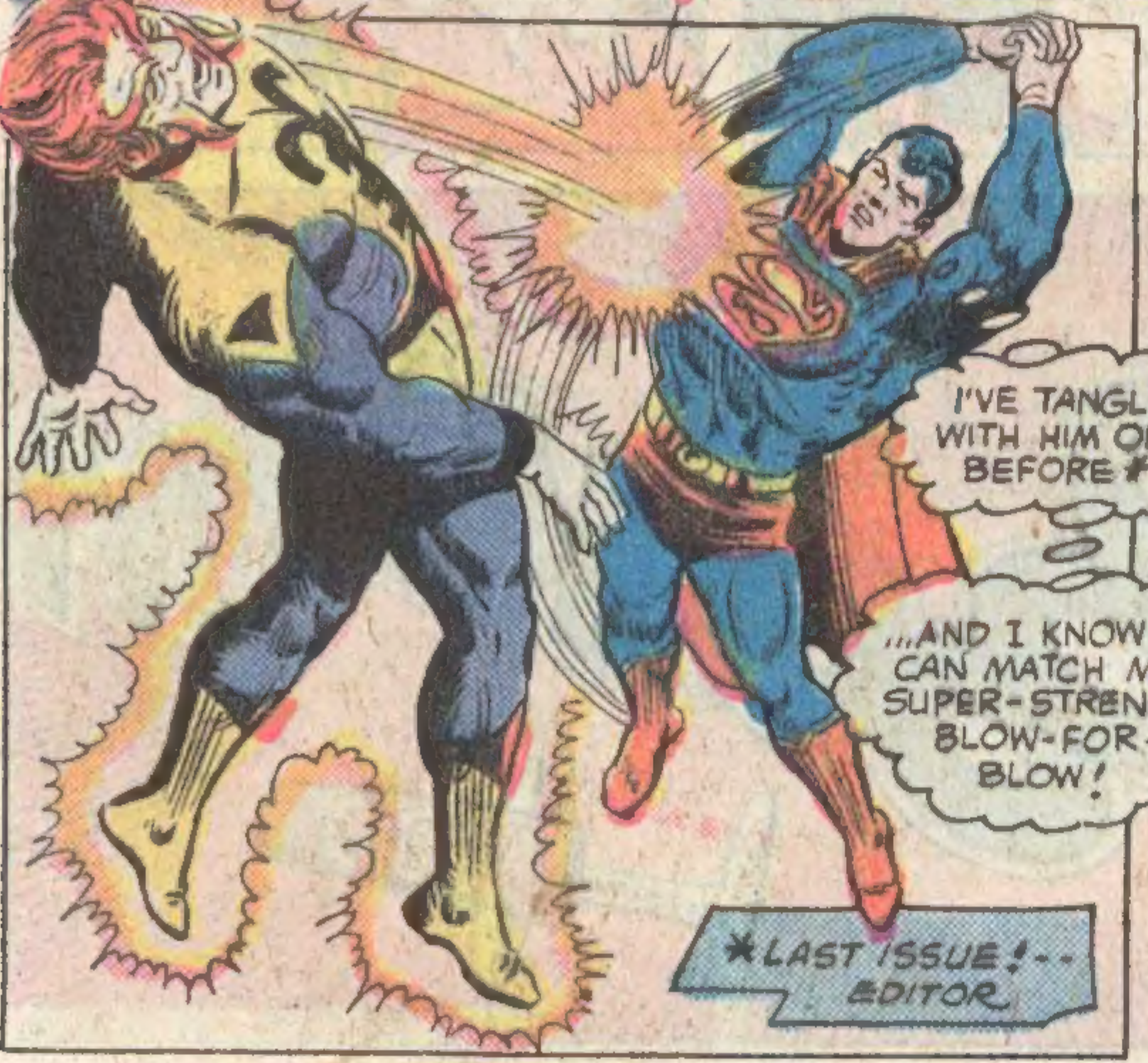
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ABRUPTLY,
THE RAMPAGING
ALIEN TURNS
AROUND... AND
GAPES AT--

--SUPERMAN?!?

--IN PERSON,
TO PUT IT
TRITELY!



I'VE TANGLED
WITH HIM ONCE
BEFORE #...

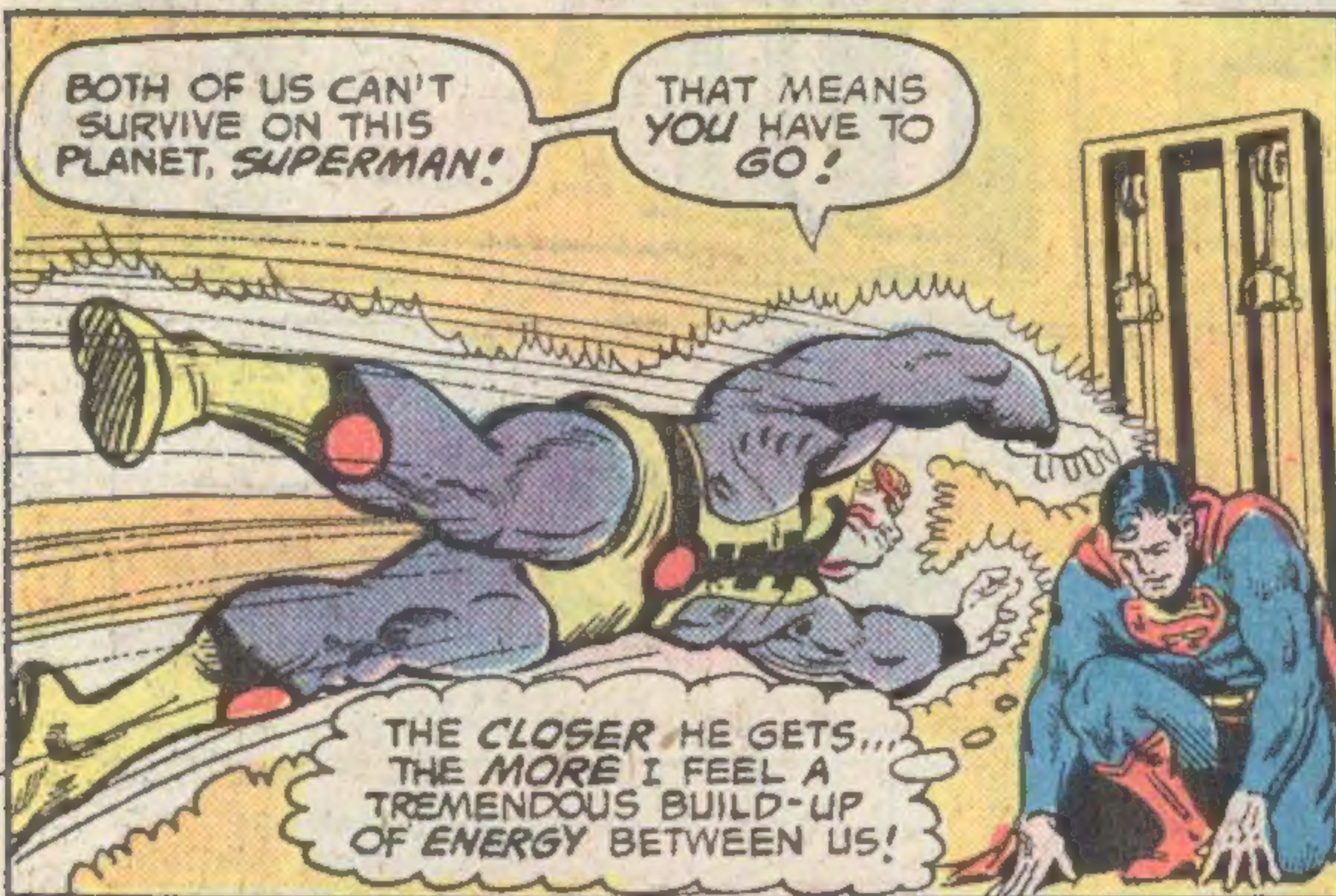
...AND I KNOW HE
CAN MATCH MY
SUPER-STRENGTH
BLOW-FOR-
BLOW!

*LAST ISSUE!--
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I MANAGED TO
SNEAK OFF TO MY
LOCKER AND GET MY
PORTABLE VIDEO-
TAPE CAMERA!

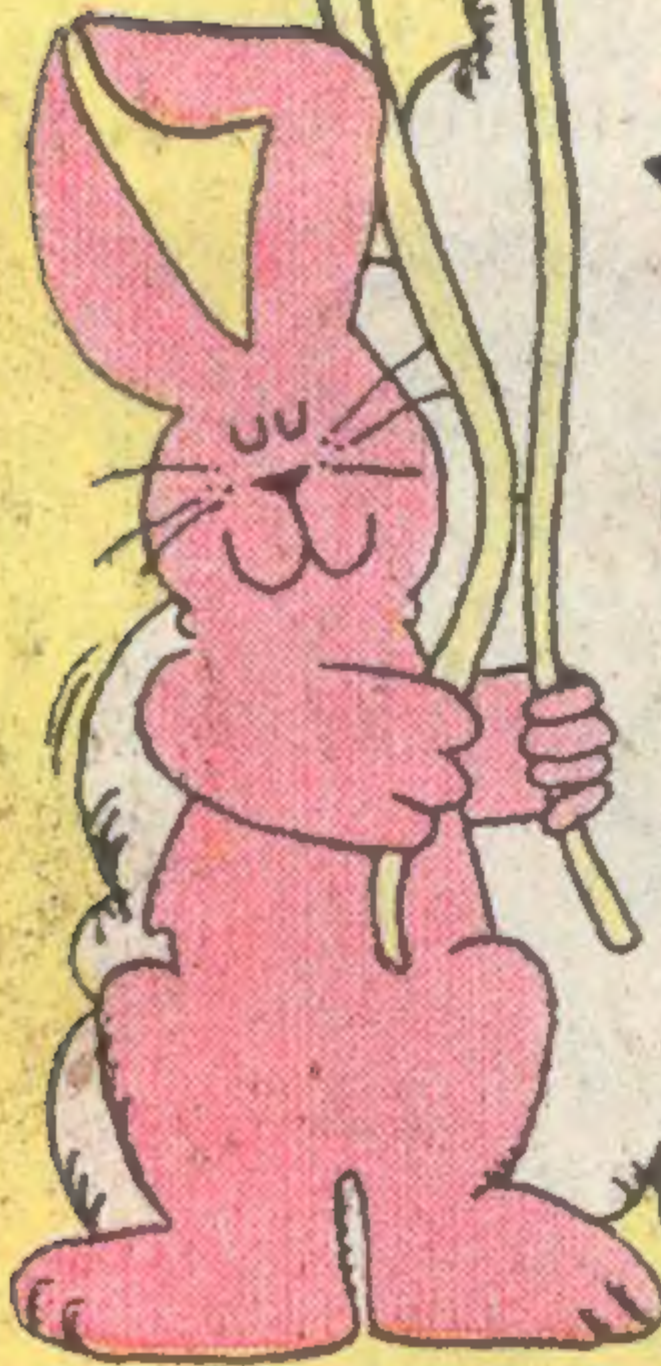
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AWAY MY PRESS-
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NOT MORE THAN A SPLIT-SECOND AFTER THE EXPLOSION UNLEASHES ITS DESTRUCTIVE FURY...

WH-WHAT HAPPENED? ALL OF A SUDDEN IT WAS LIKE WORLD WAR III...

IN MY WEAKENED CONDITION, I HAD TO GO ALL-OUT TO SAVE STEVE FROM THAT BLAST!

AND IN THE GALAXY BUILDING, FRENZIED CONFUSION REIGNS...

WHAT THE BLAZES HAPPENED IN THE GYM?

LOOKS LIKE A BOMB WENT OFF!

LOOK CAREFULLY, READER, AND YOU'LL SPOT ONE MAN UNRUFFLED BY THE DISTURBANCE...

...A MAN WHO NONCHALANTLY ENTERS AN ELEVATOR AND EXITS UNNOTICED ON THE GROUND FLOOR--A MAN WHO HAS ADOPTED THE NAME ANDREW MEDA...

...A MAN WHO HAPPENS TO BE THE VERY SAME KARB-BRAK WHO WAS JUST BATTLING SUPERMAN!

AN ALIEN FROM THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY WHO MAINTAINS A HUMAN SHEATH AS A DISGUISE, KARB-BRAK DWELT ON A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS WHAT WE WOULD CALL SUPER-POWERS! BUT--

THE SCIENTISTS SCANNED SCORES OF GALAXIES BEFORE THEY FOUND A "SANATORIUM" PLANET WITH THE RIGHT CONDITIONS FOR KARB-BRAK'S RECUPERATION--EARTH!

BUT THERE WAS AN UNFORESEEN COMPLICATION...

ARRRGHH!!

--IT IS CONFIRMED, KARB-BRAK! YOU ARE FATALLY ALLERGIC TO ALL OF US...EVERYONE ON THIS PLANET!

YOU CAN SURVIVE ONLY IF YOU LEAVE OUR WORLD!

I HAD NOT EXPECTED THIS! SUPERMAN IS SIMILAR TO MY PEOPLE!

BEING NEAR HIM GIVES ME A HIGH FEVER--MAKES ME GO WILD AND LOSE MY EARTH-GUISE!

AND SO THIS ANDROMEDAN ALIEN WITH THE EARTHLY DISGUISE IS POSSESSED WITH A SUPER-PROBLEM...

I MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT MY NEMESIS, SUPERMAN! EVERY TIME I'M NEAR HIM, MY CONDITION WORSENS!

IT IS EITHER HIS LIFE OR MINE!



EVEN THOUGH **SUPERMAN** HIMSELF SUFFERS FEVER SYMPTOMS WHENEVER WE CLASH, HIS SUPER-POWERS ARE EVENLY MATCHED WITH MINE!

BEFORE I CAN HOPE TO DESTROY HIM, I MUST HANDICAP HIM!



MOMENTS LATER, IN AN APARTMENT THAT NEVER SEES ANY VISITORS...

MY **PSI MACHINE** IS THE SECRET WEAPON I NEED TO DEAL WITH **SUPERMAN**!

IT HAS NARROWED HIS SECRET IDENTITY TO TWO SUSPECTS!

I HAVE JUST RULED OUT STEVE LOMBARD! WHICH LEAVES--



-- SUSPECT NUMBER TWO... CLARK KENT!

EVER SINCE I WAS TELEPORTED TO EARTH, MY **PSI MACHINE** HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF RELAXATION AND AMUSEMENT FOR ME...



...AS I USED ITS POWERS TO MANIPULATE THE LIVES OF THESE INFERIOR EARTHLINGS!

BUT NOW THE **PSI MACHINE** MUST BE PROGRAMMED TO SAVE MY LIFE AT THE COST OF **SUPERMAN'S**!



SHORTLY, FOUR DISC-SHAPED IMAGES CRYSTALIZE INTO FOCUS ON THE BLANK WALL...

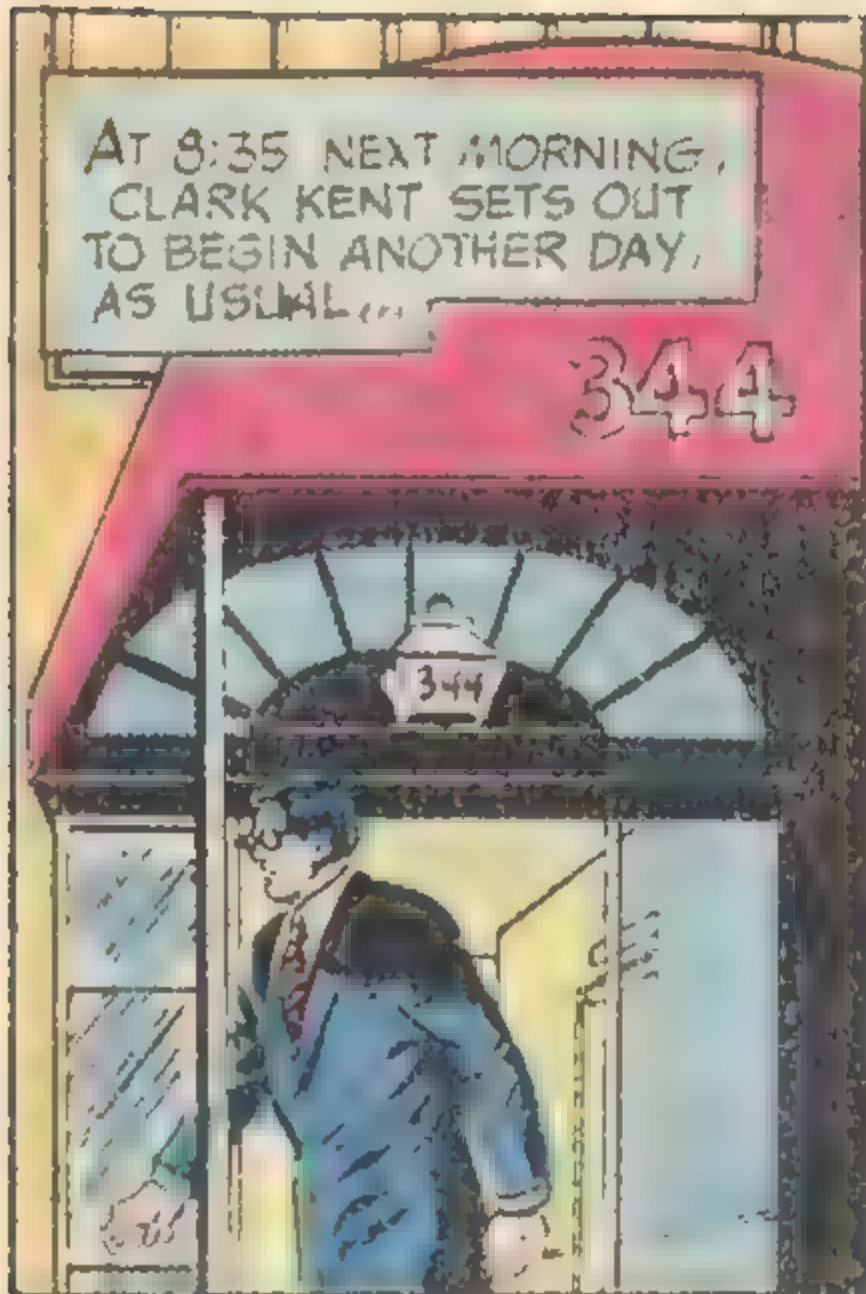
I WILL BEGIN BY IMPLANTING IDEAS IN THE MINDS OF THOSE CLOSEST TO MY FOE... THE PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH CLARK KENT EVERY DAY--

-- STEVE LOMBARD, LOIS LANE, JIMMY OLSEN AND MORGAN EDGE!



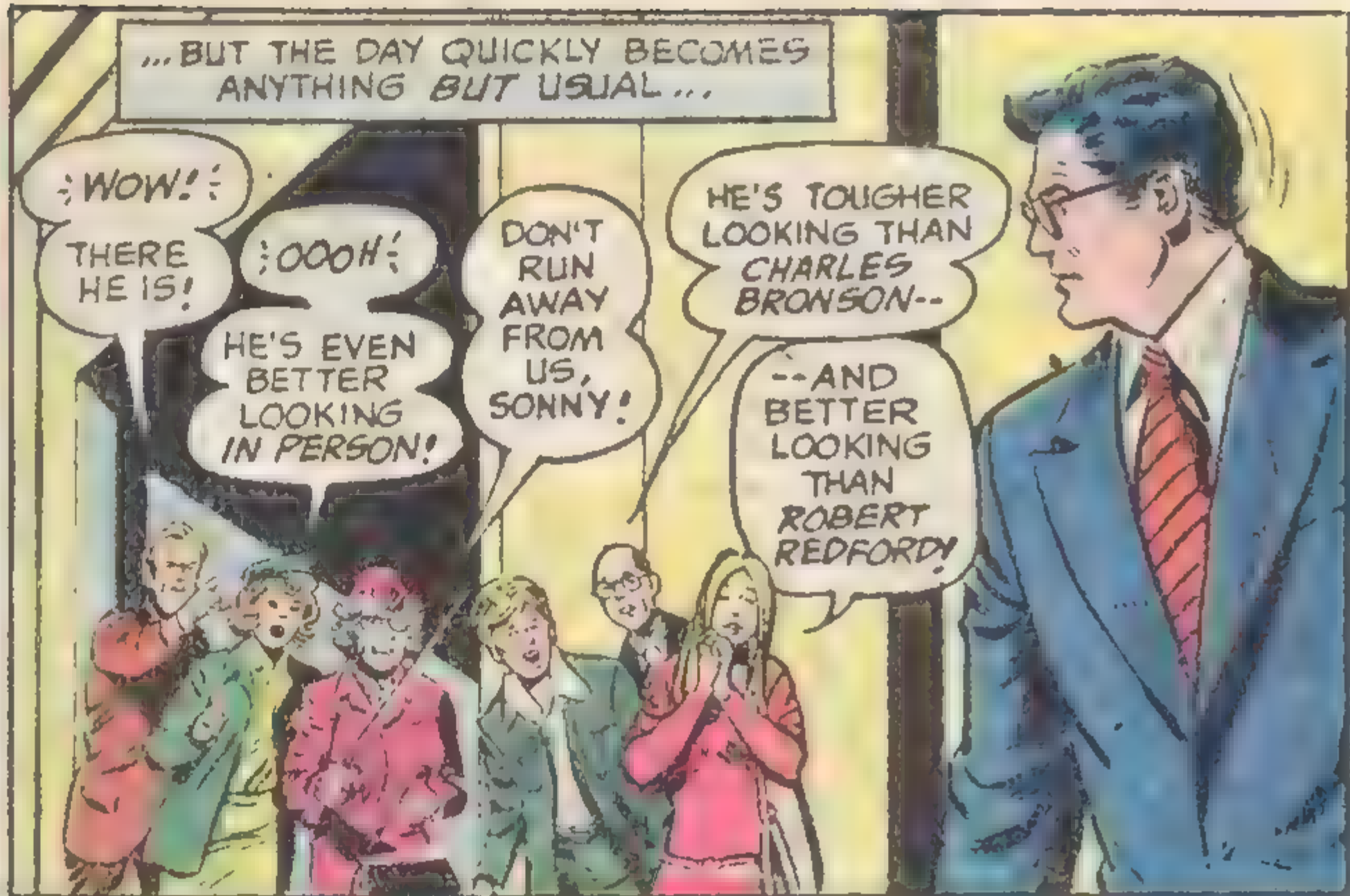
AFTER I HAVE MIND-MANIPULATED THOSE FOUR, I WILL TURN THE **MACHINE** ON THE REST OF **METROPOLIS**!

IT WILL MAKE **SUPERMAN** HELPLESS TO RESIST MY NEXT--AND FINAL--ATTACK!



AT 8:35 NEXT MORNING,
CLARK KENT SETS OUT
TO BEGIN ANOTHER DAY,
AS USUAL...

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...BUT THE DAY QUICKLY BECOMES
ANYTHING BUT USUAL...

WOW!!

THERE
HE IS!

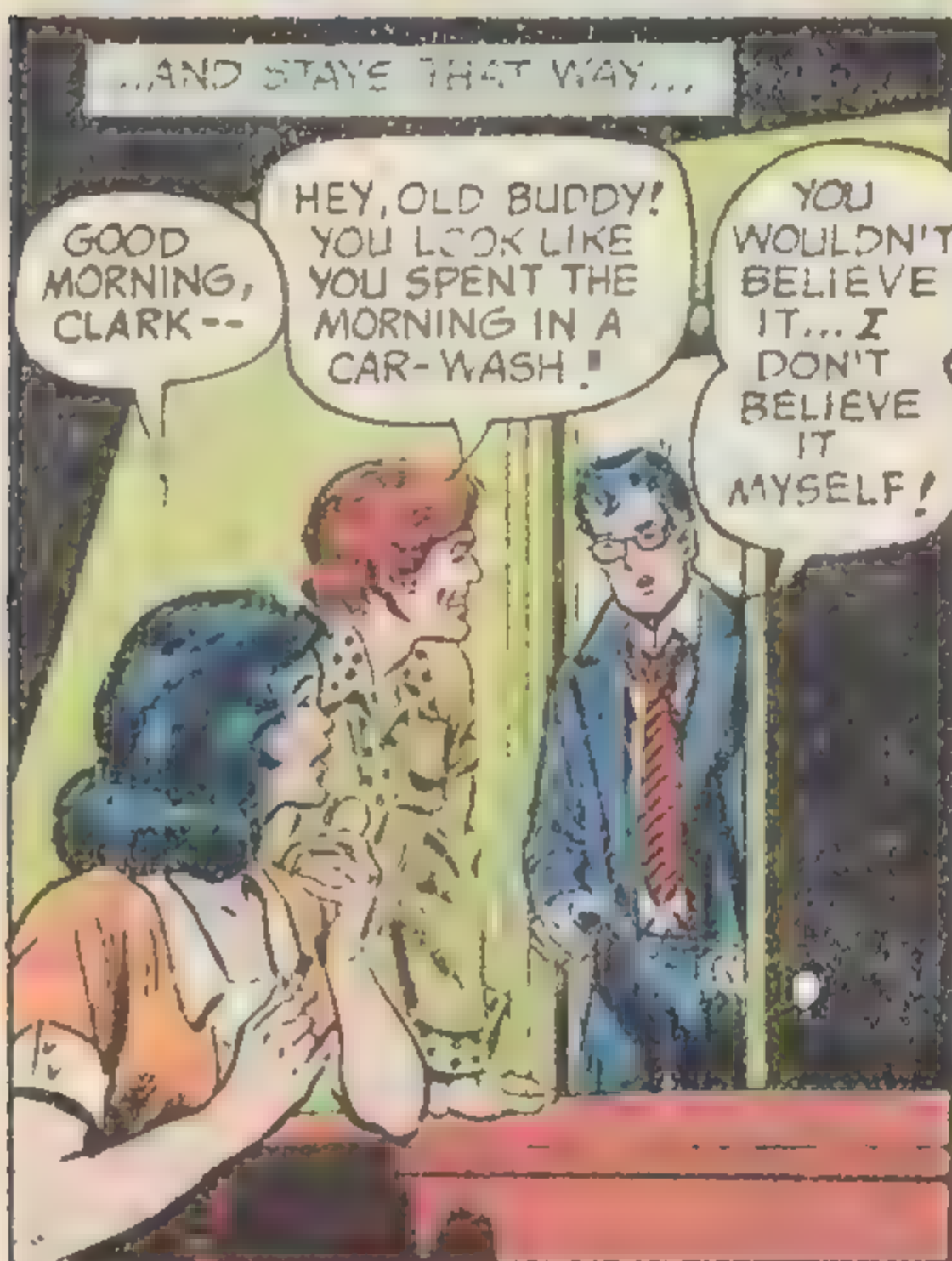
OOH!!

HE'S EVEN
BETTER
LOOKING
IN PERSON!

DON'T
RUN
AWAY
FROM
US,
SONNY!

HE'S TOUGHER
LOOKING THAN
CHARLES
BRONSON--

--AND
BETTER
LOOKING
THAN
ROBERT
REDFORD!

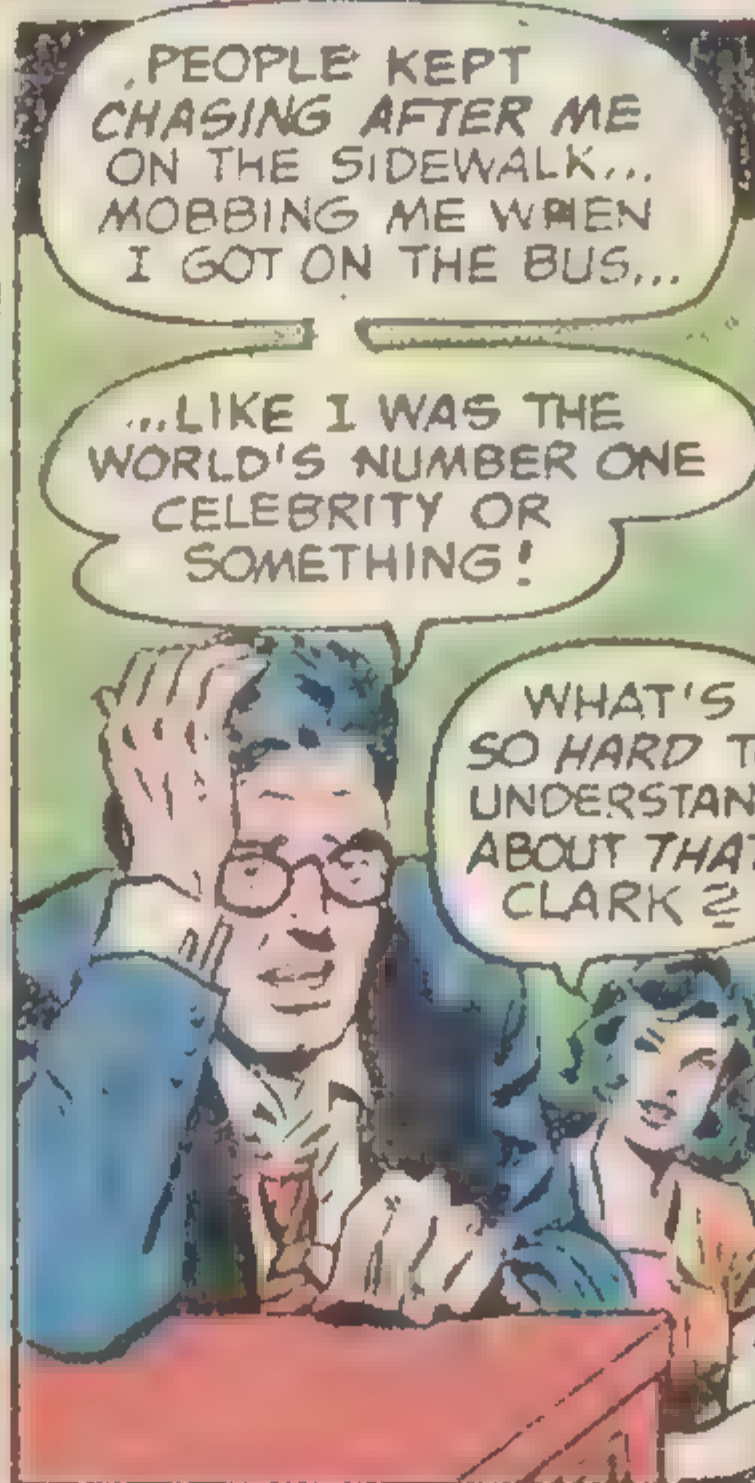


...AND STAYE THAT WAY...

GOOD
MORNING,
CLARK--

HEY, OLD BUDDY!
YOU LOOK LIKE
YOU SPENT THE
MORNING IN A
CAR-WASH!

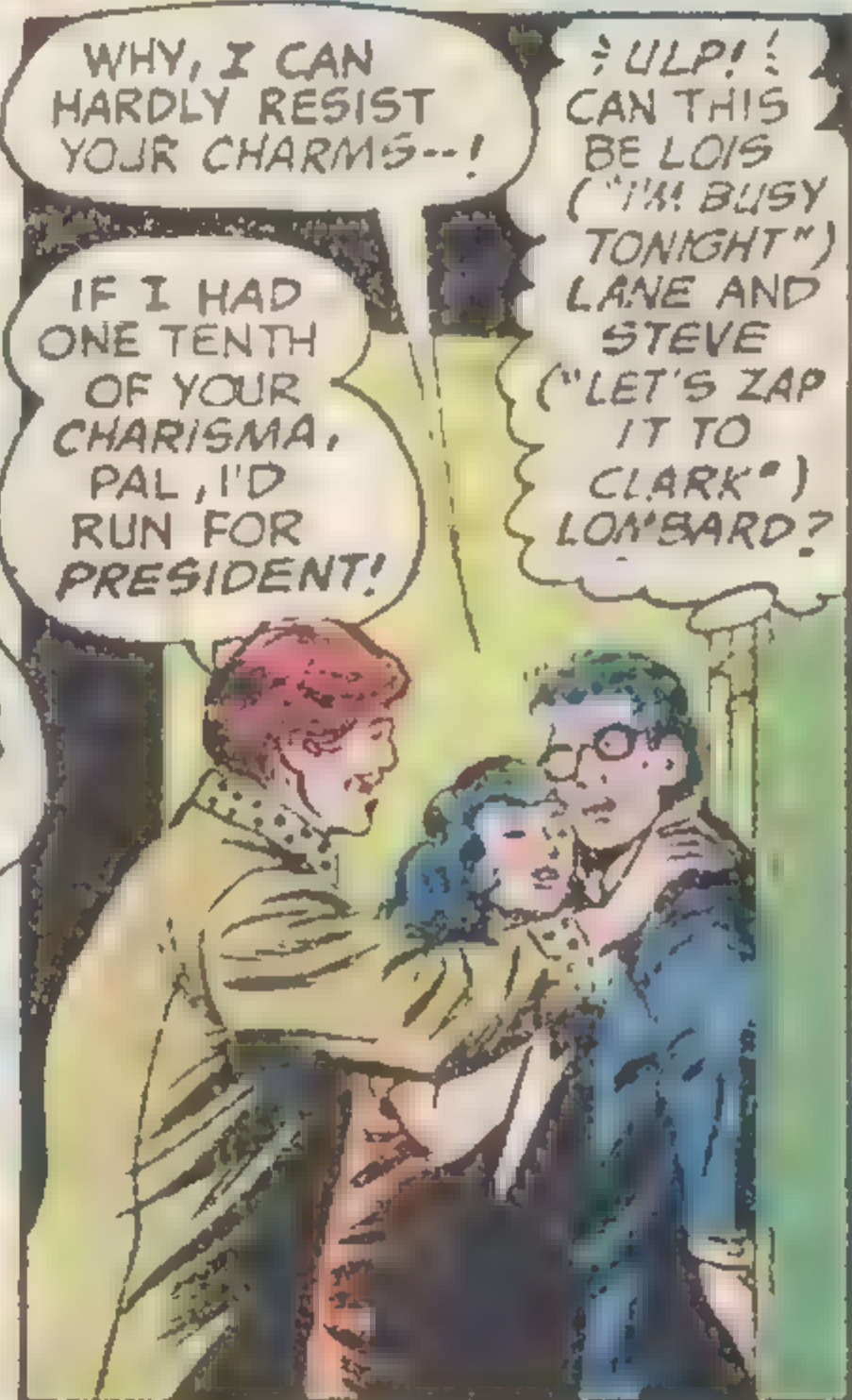
YOU
WOULDN'T
BELIEVE
IT... I
DON'T
BELIEVE
IT
MYSELF!



PEOPLE KEPT
CHASING AFTER ME
ON THE SIDEWALK...
MOBBING ME WHEN
I GOT ON THE BUS...

...LIKE I WAS THE
WORLD'S NUMBER ONE
CELEBRITY OR
SOMETHING!

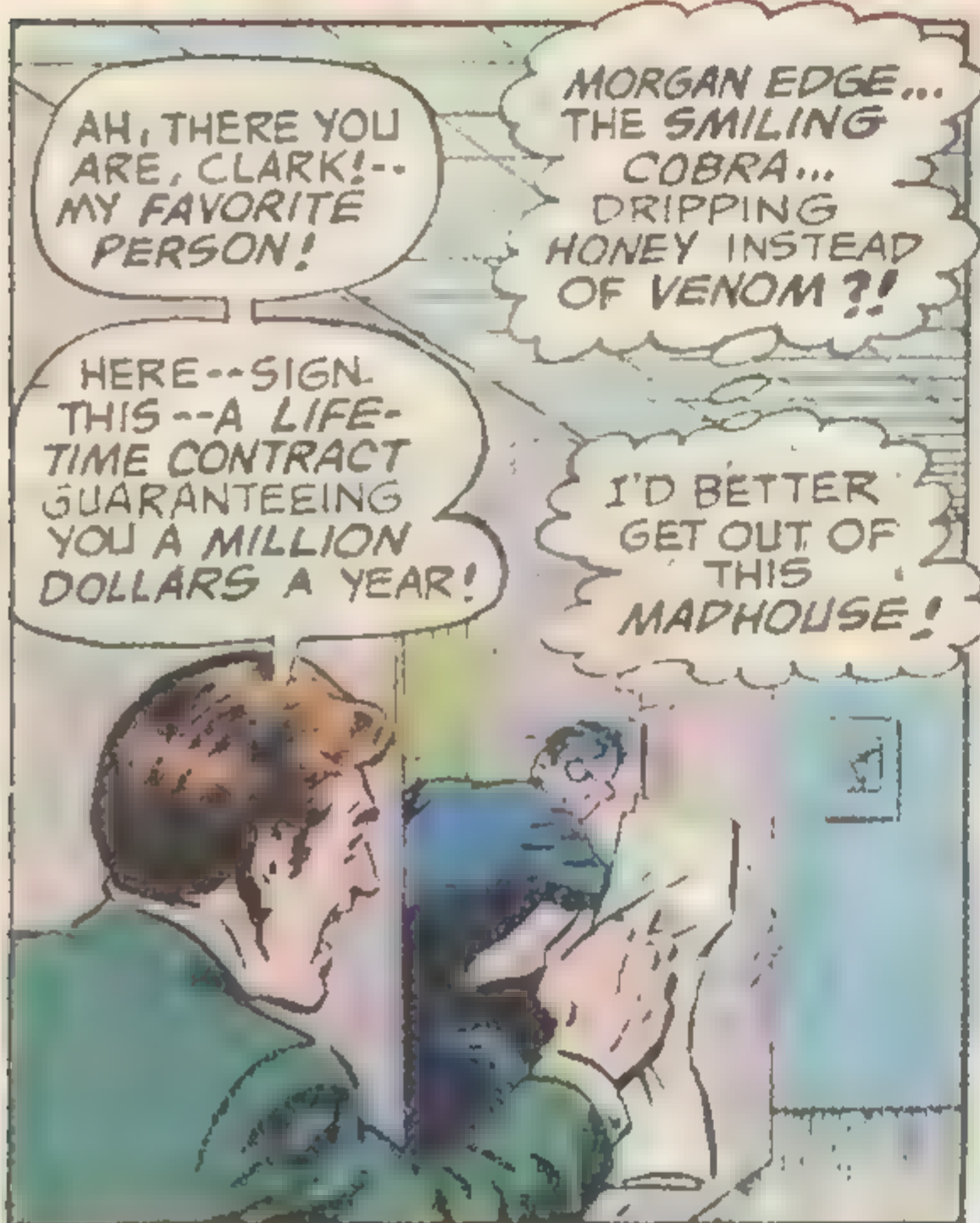
WHAT'S
SO HARD TO
UNDERSTAND
ABOUT THAT,
CLARK?



WHY, I CAN
HARDLY RESIST
YOUR CHARMS--!

IF I HAD
ONE TENTH
OF YOUR
CHARISMA,
PAL, I'D
RUN FOR
PRESIDENT!

ULP!!
CAN THIS
BE LOIS
("I'M BUSY
TONIGHT")
LANE AND
STEVE
("LET'S ZAP
IT TO
CLARK")
LOMBARD?

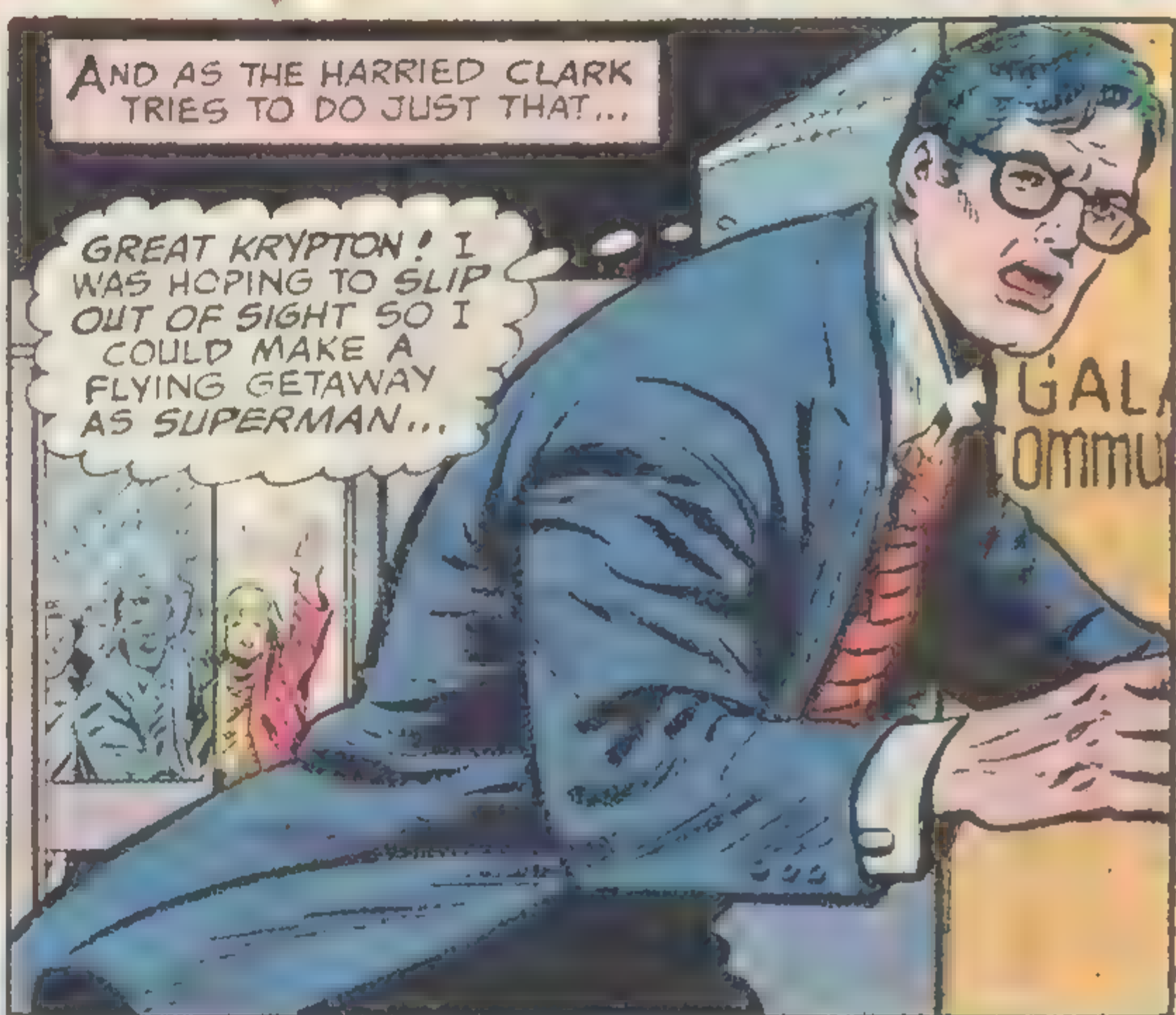


AH, THERE YOU
ARE, CLARK!--
MY FAVORITE
PERSON!

HERE--SIGN
THIS--A LIFE-
TIME CONTRACT
GUARANTEEING
YOU A MILLION
DOLLARS A YEAR!

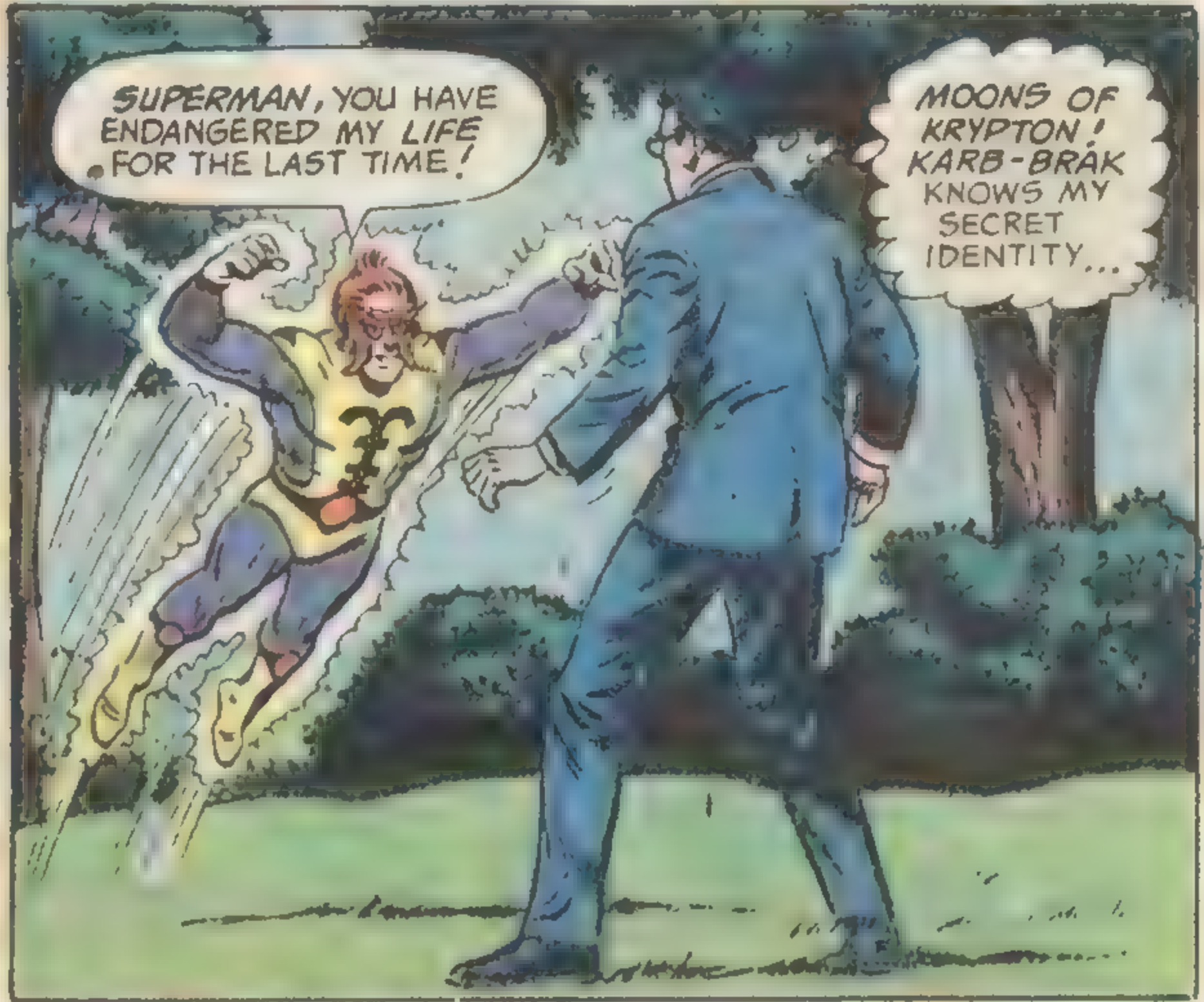
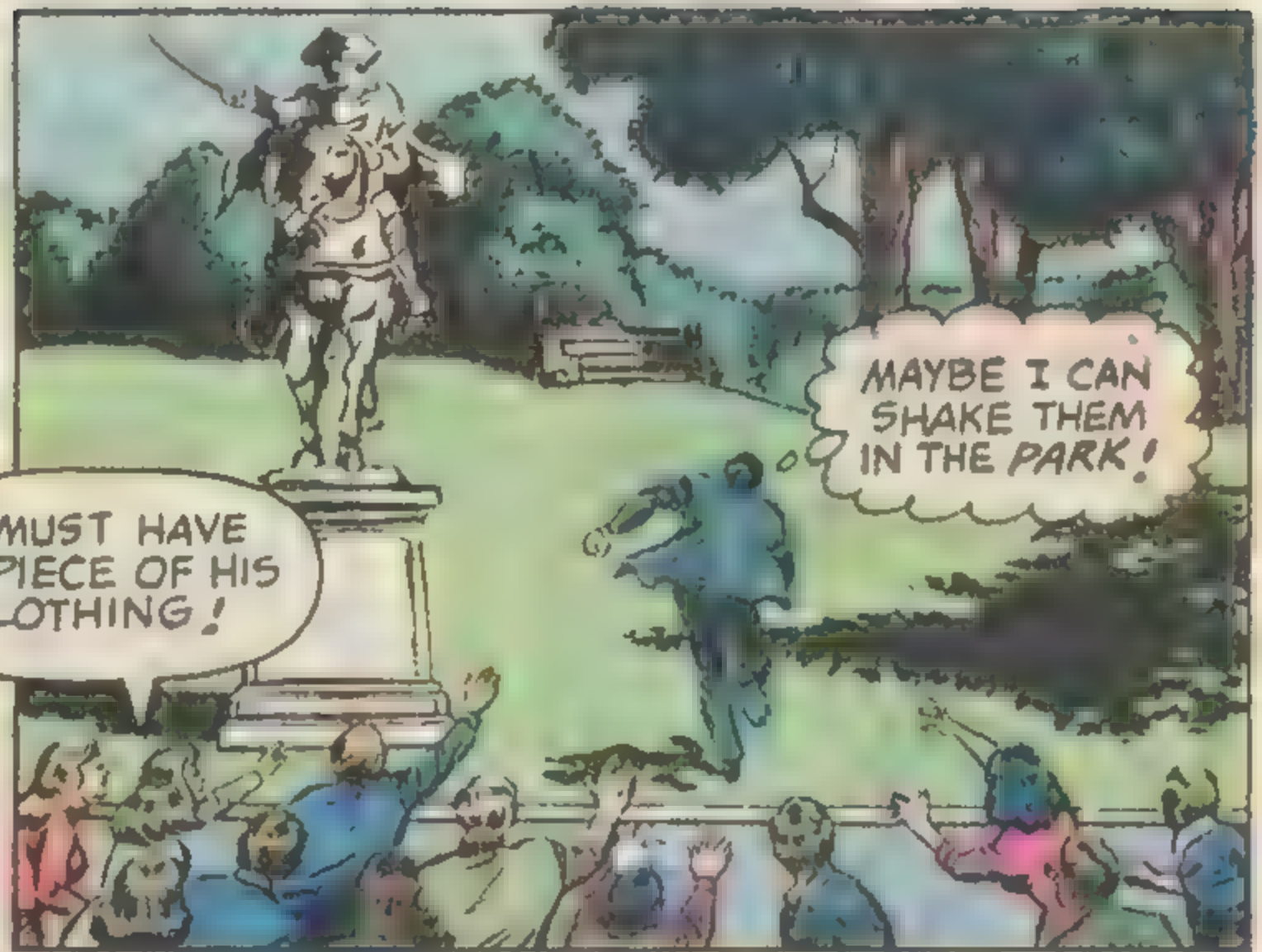
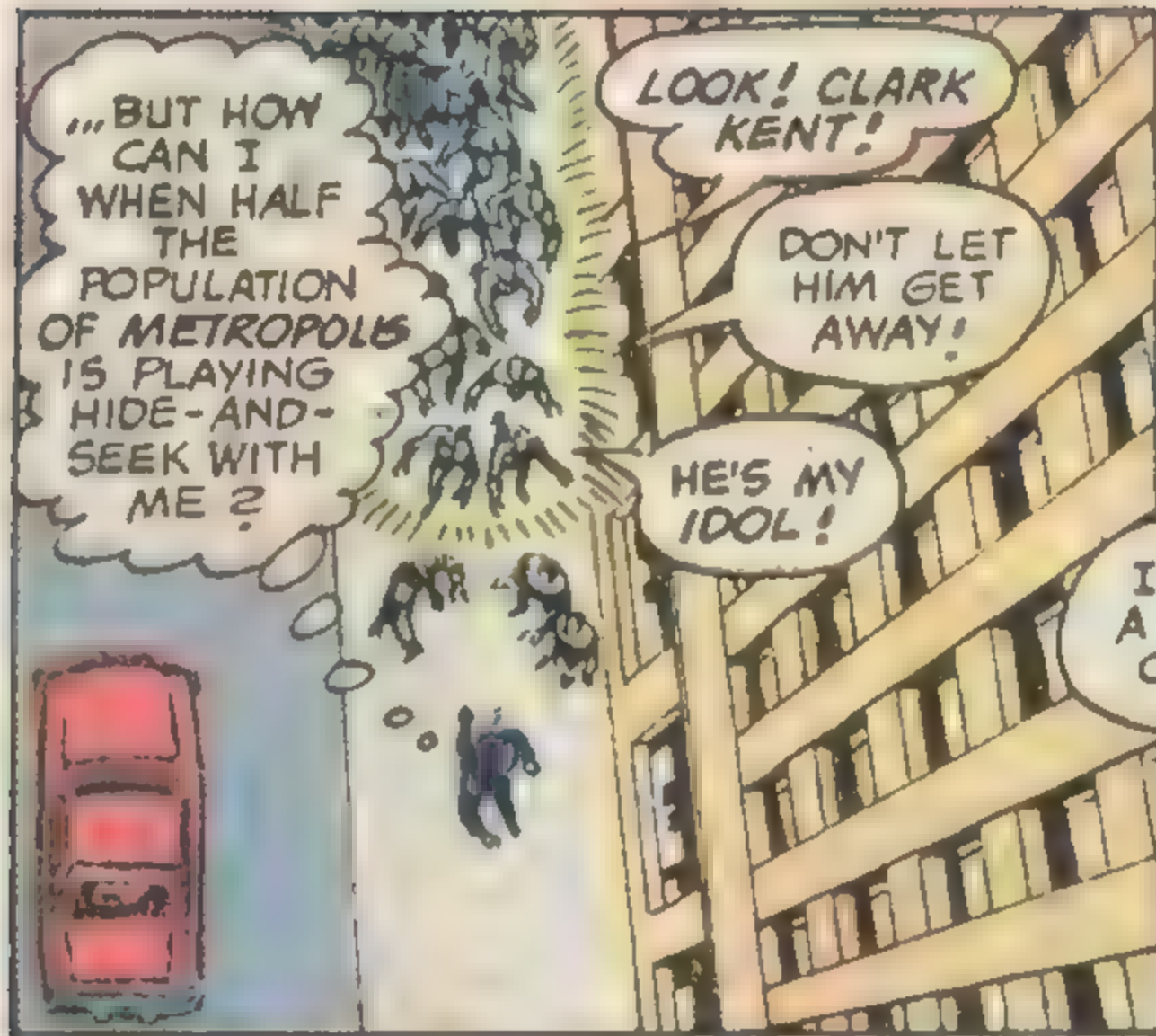
MORGAN EDGE...
THE SMILING
COBRA...
DRIPPING
HONEY INSTEAD
OF VENOM?!

I'D BETTER
GET OUT OF
THIS
MADHOUSE!

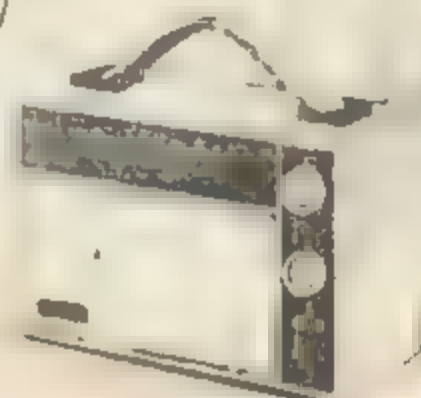
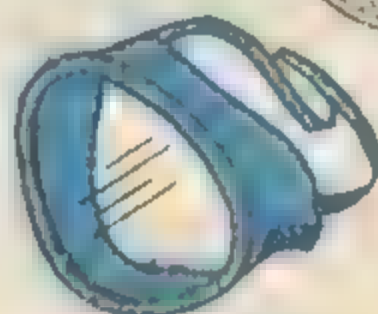


AND AS THE HARRIED CLARK
TRIES TO DO JUST THAT...

GREAT KRYPTON! I
WAS HOPING TO SLIP
OUT OF SIGHT SO I
COULD MAKE A
FLYING GETAWAY
AS SUPERMAN...



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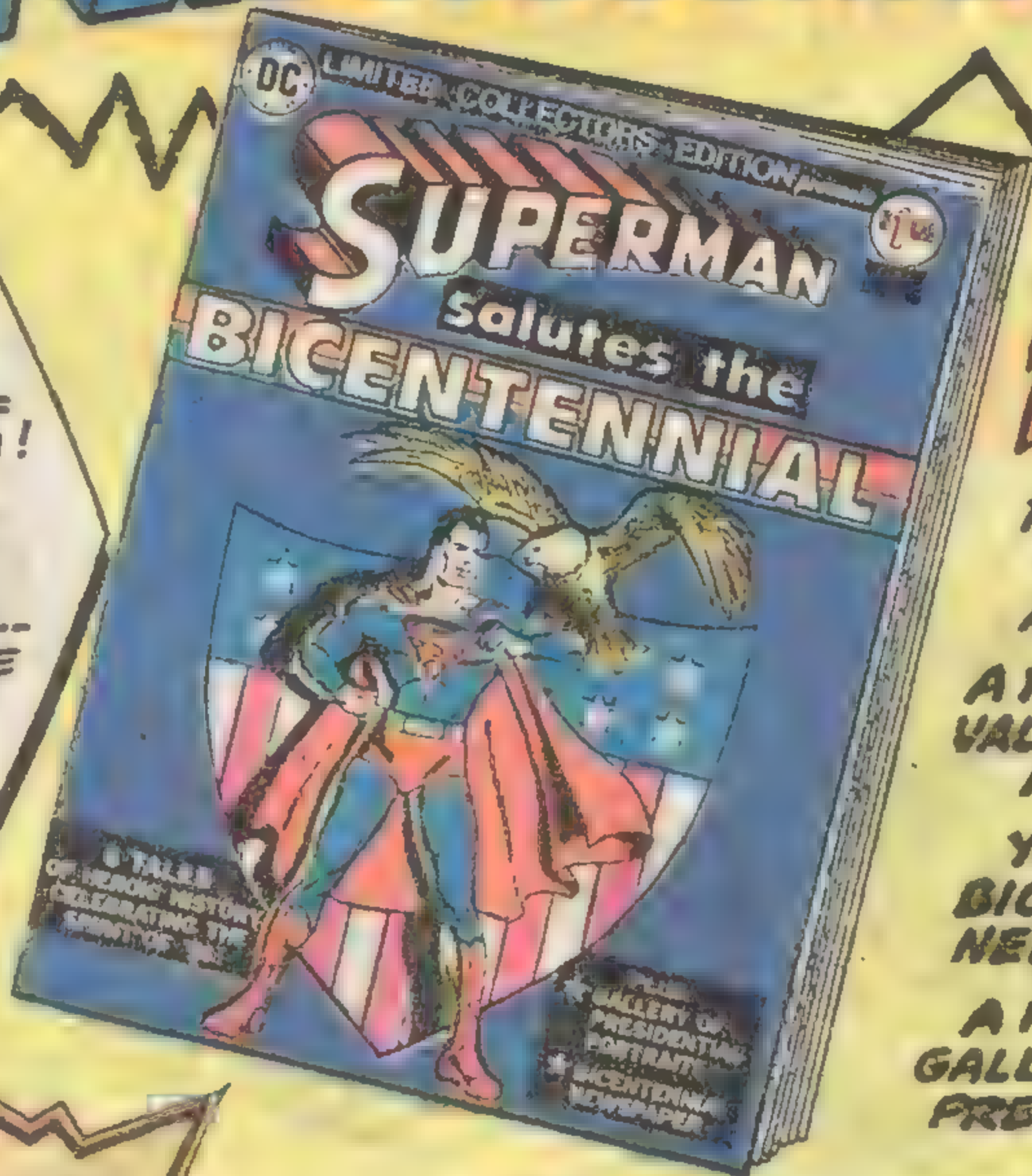
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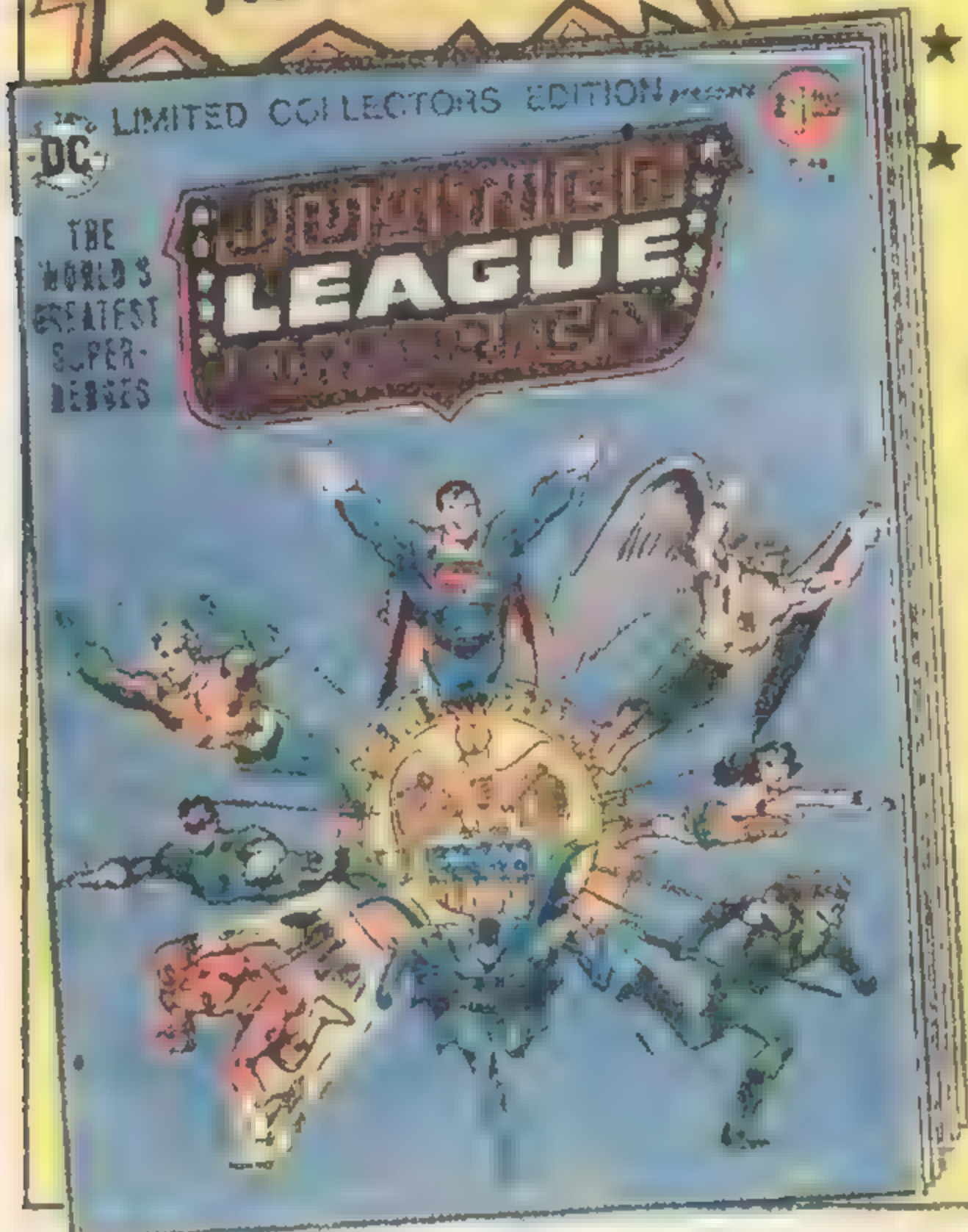
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AND WHEN THE UNMERCIFUL MAN FROM ANDROMEDA
FOLLOWS UP WITH A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH...

YEOWW!

IT'S
LIKE A
HURRICANE!

HELP!

MORE
PEOPLE BEING
CAUGHT UP IN
THE FRAY--

-- BECAUSE I LURED
THEM HERE LIKE A
PIED PIPER!

AND TO MAKE THINGS WORSE,
I'M STARTING TO FEEL THE
EFFECTS OF THE STRANGE
FEVER THAT HITS ME
WHENEVER KARB-BRAK
IS NEAR!

MY HANDICAP
IS WORKING!
SUPERMAN IS
FEELING GUILT
AND CONCERN FOR
THE BYSTANDERS
BEING VICTIMIZED
BY OUR FIGHT!

ALL THESE
PEOPLE
ENDANGERED...
BECAUSE
OF ME!

IT SHOULD BE
THE VITAL EDGE
I NEED TO OVERCOME
AND DESTROY HIM!

EVEN THOUGH MANY HAVE BEEN
INJURED, THE CROWD STILL IS
FANATICALLY ENCHANTED BY
ITS NEW-FOUND HERO...

YAY,
CLARK!

NOBODY
CAN BEAT
CLARK
KENT!

WE'RE
WITH YOU,
CLARK!

YOU'RE THE
GREATEST,
CLARK!

FIGHT,
FIGHT,
FIGHT!

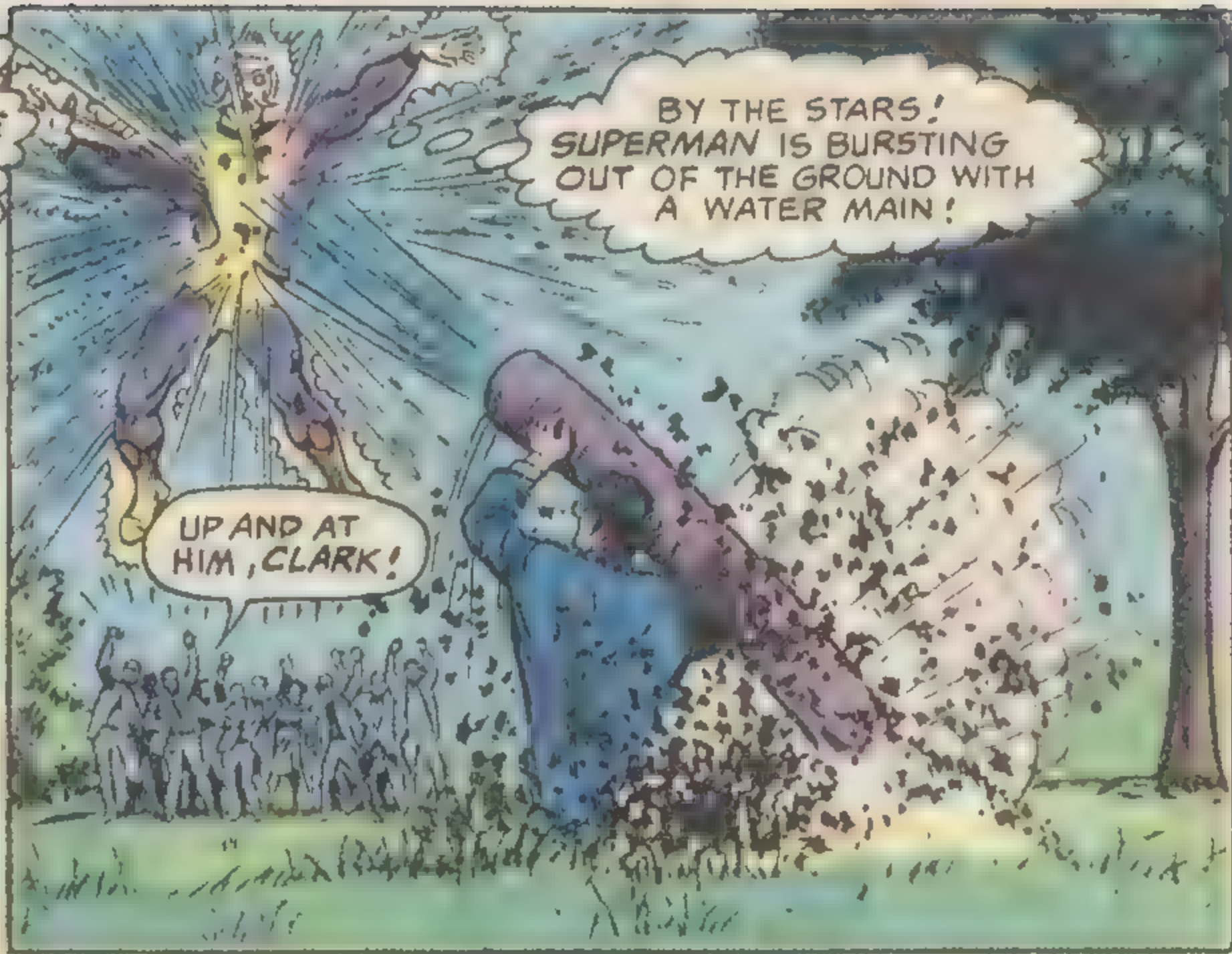
I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND...



... THESE EARTHLINGS SEEM OVERWHELMINGLY COMPELLED TO RALLY IN CLARK KENT'S FAVOR!

THE EFFECTS OF MY PSI MACHINE MUST HAVE BEEN QUITE POTENT!

YAY, CLARK... GO! GO! GO!



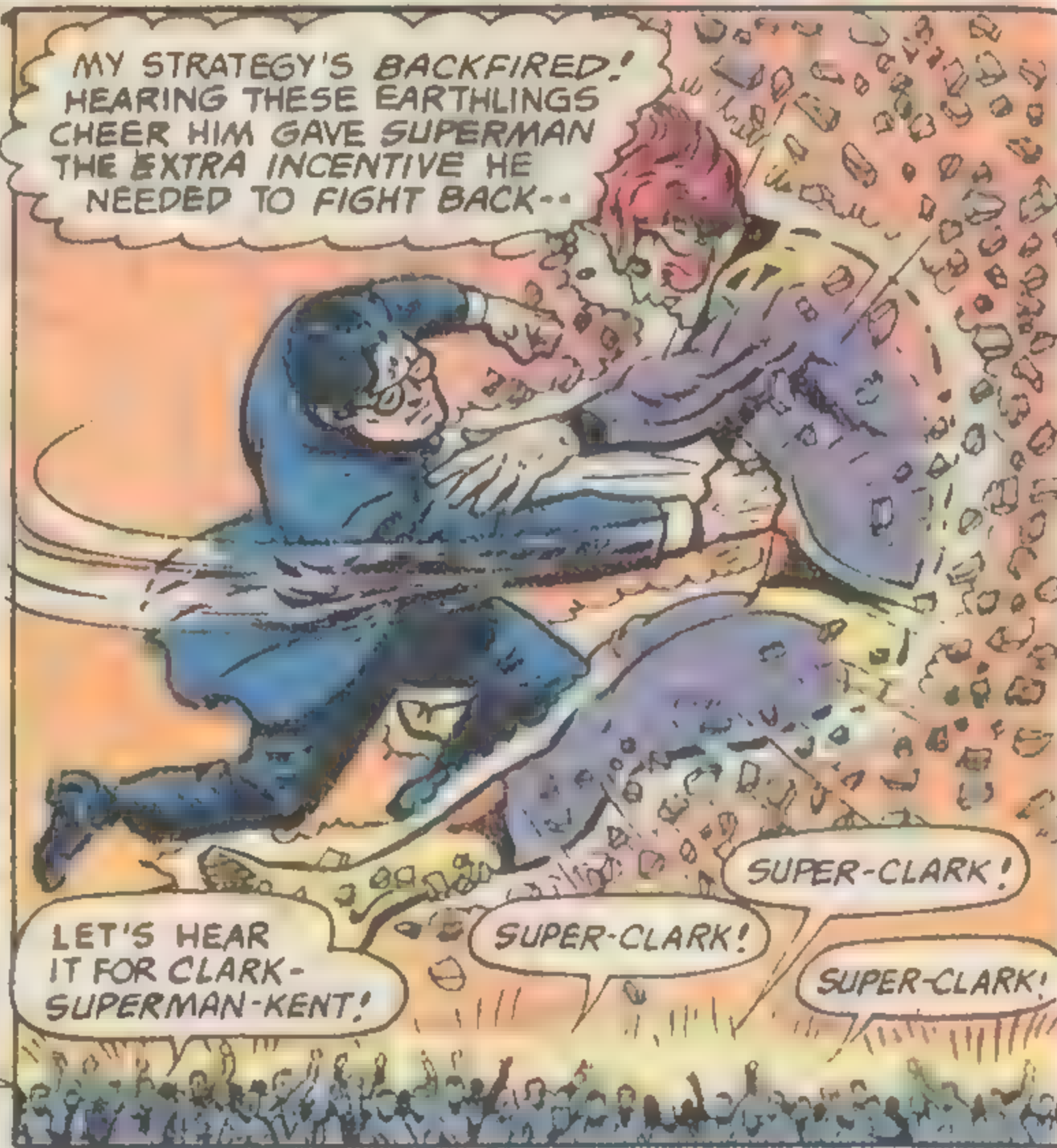
BY THE STARS! SUPERMAN IS BURSTING OUT OF THE GROUND WITH A WATER MAIN!

UP AND AT HIM, CLARK!



GLUB! USING SUPER-COLD BREATH TO TURN THE WATER AROUND ME TO SOLID ICE!

WOW! LOOK AT THAT! CLARK MUST REALLY BE SUPERMAN!



MY STRATEGY'S BACKFIRED! HEARING THESE EARTHLINGS CHEER HIM GAVE SUPERMAN THE EXTRA INCENTIVE HE NEEDED TO FIGHT BACK--

SUPER-CLARK!

LET'S HEAR IT FOR CLARK-SUPERMAN-KENT!

SUPER-CLARK!

SUPER-CLARK!



ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GET BACK TO THE PSI MACHINE AND RE-PROGRAM IT TO COMPEL THESE EARTHLINGS TO RALLY FOR ME!



THEN I WILL HAVE THE ADDED INCENTIVE TO ANNIHILATE SUPERMAN!

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Can Use

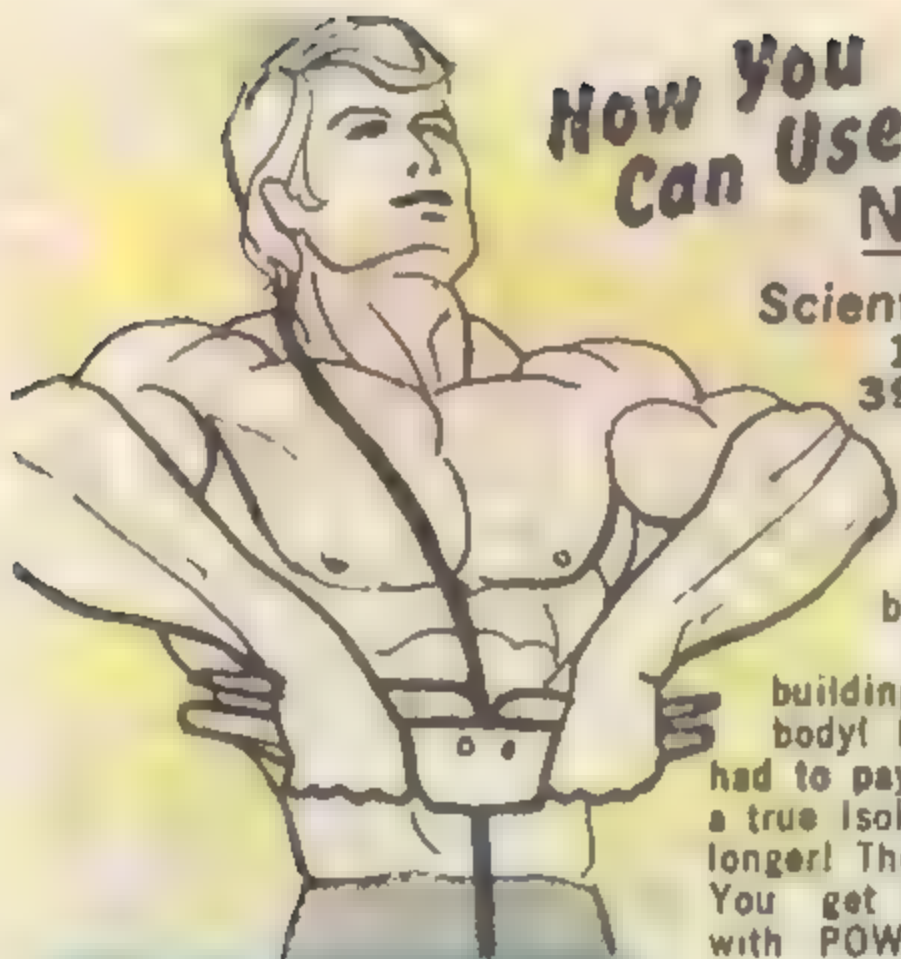
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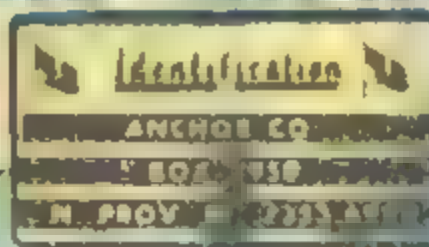
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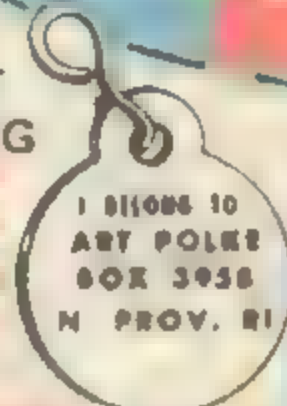


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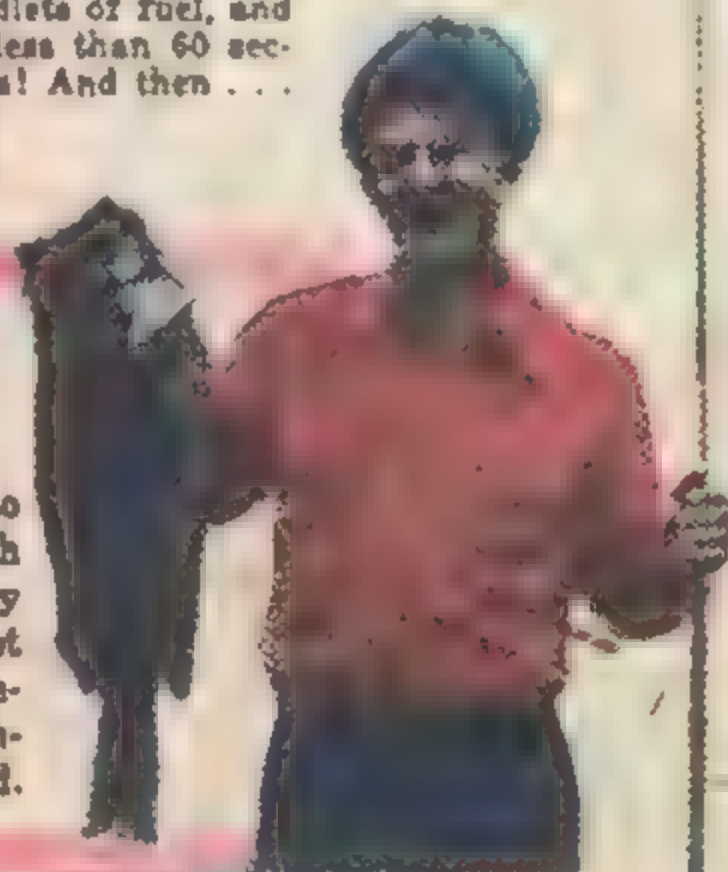
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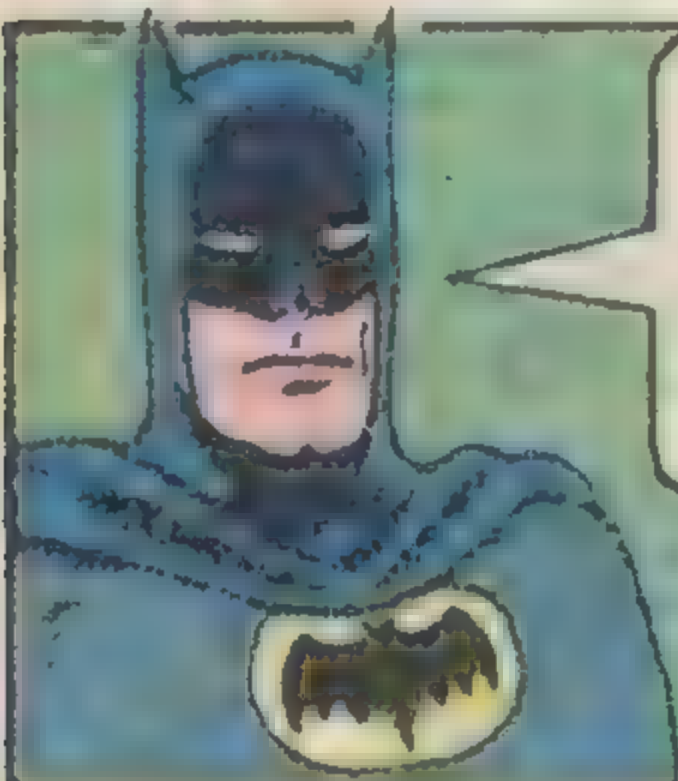
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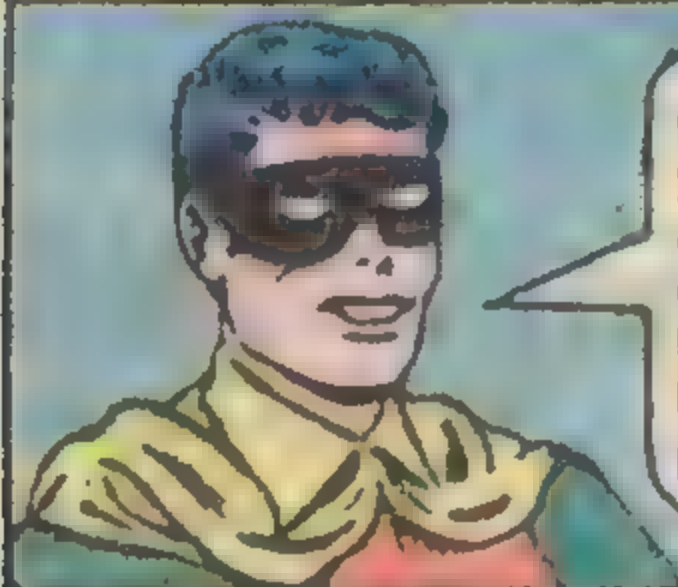
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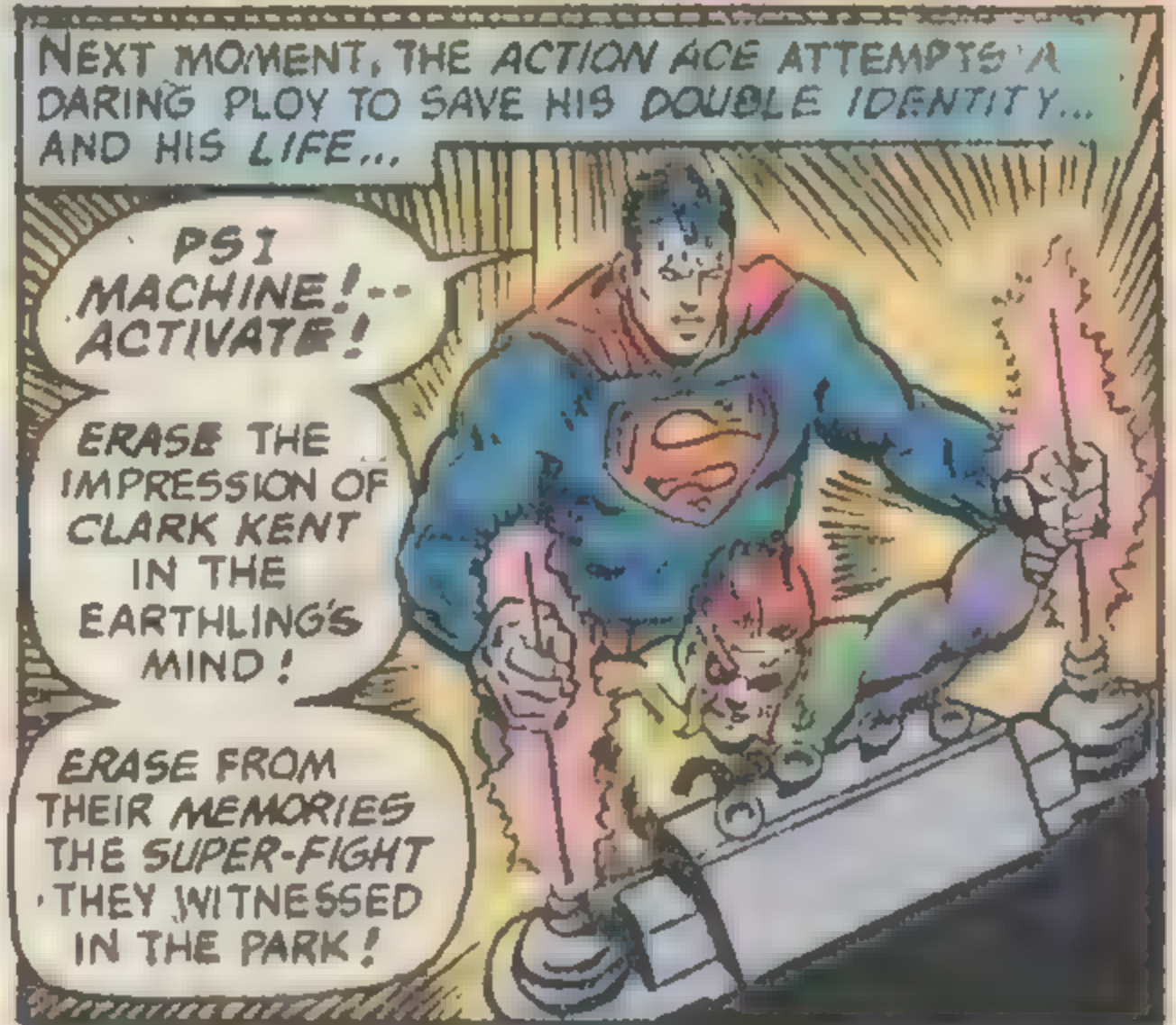
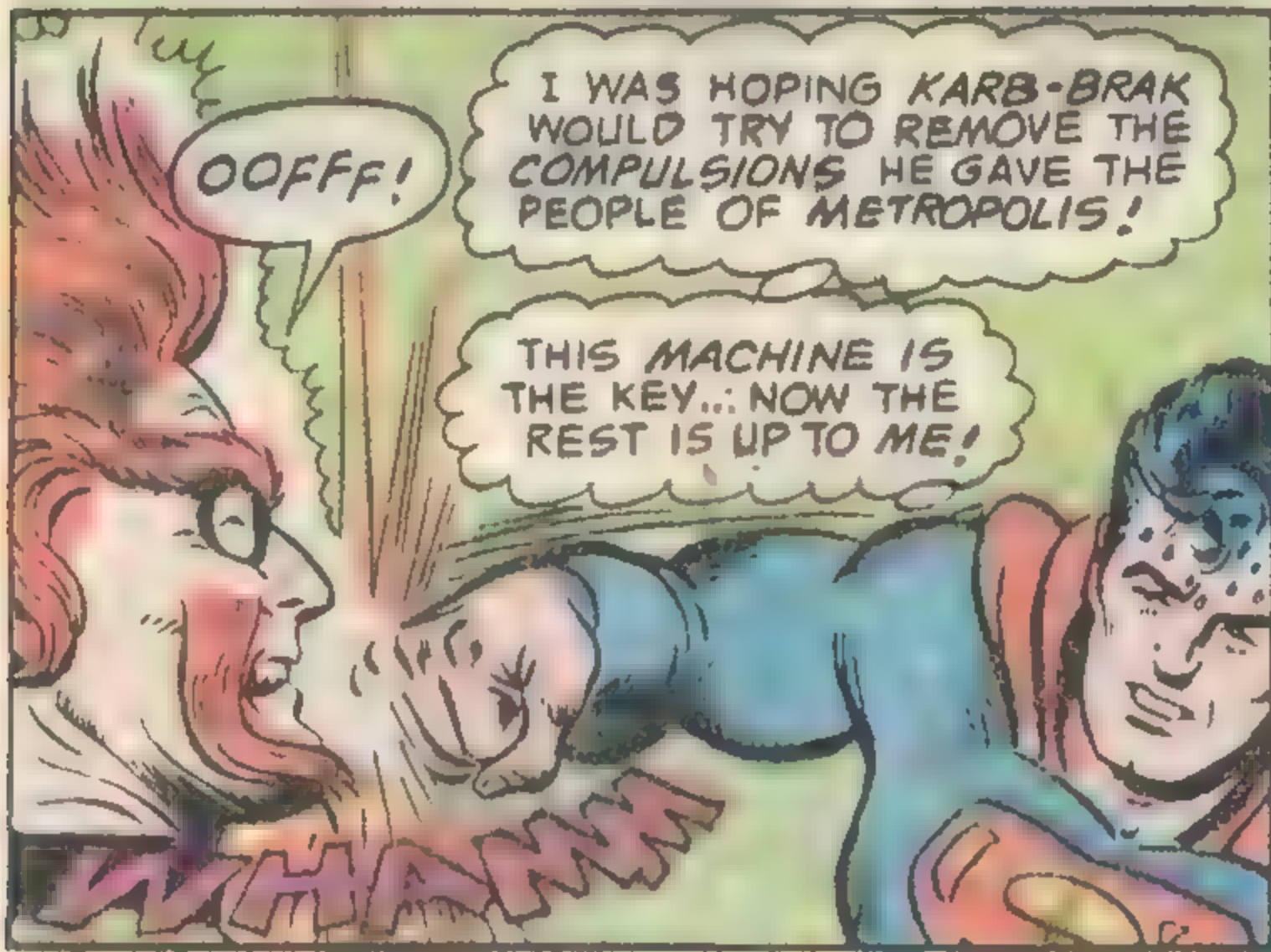
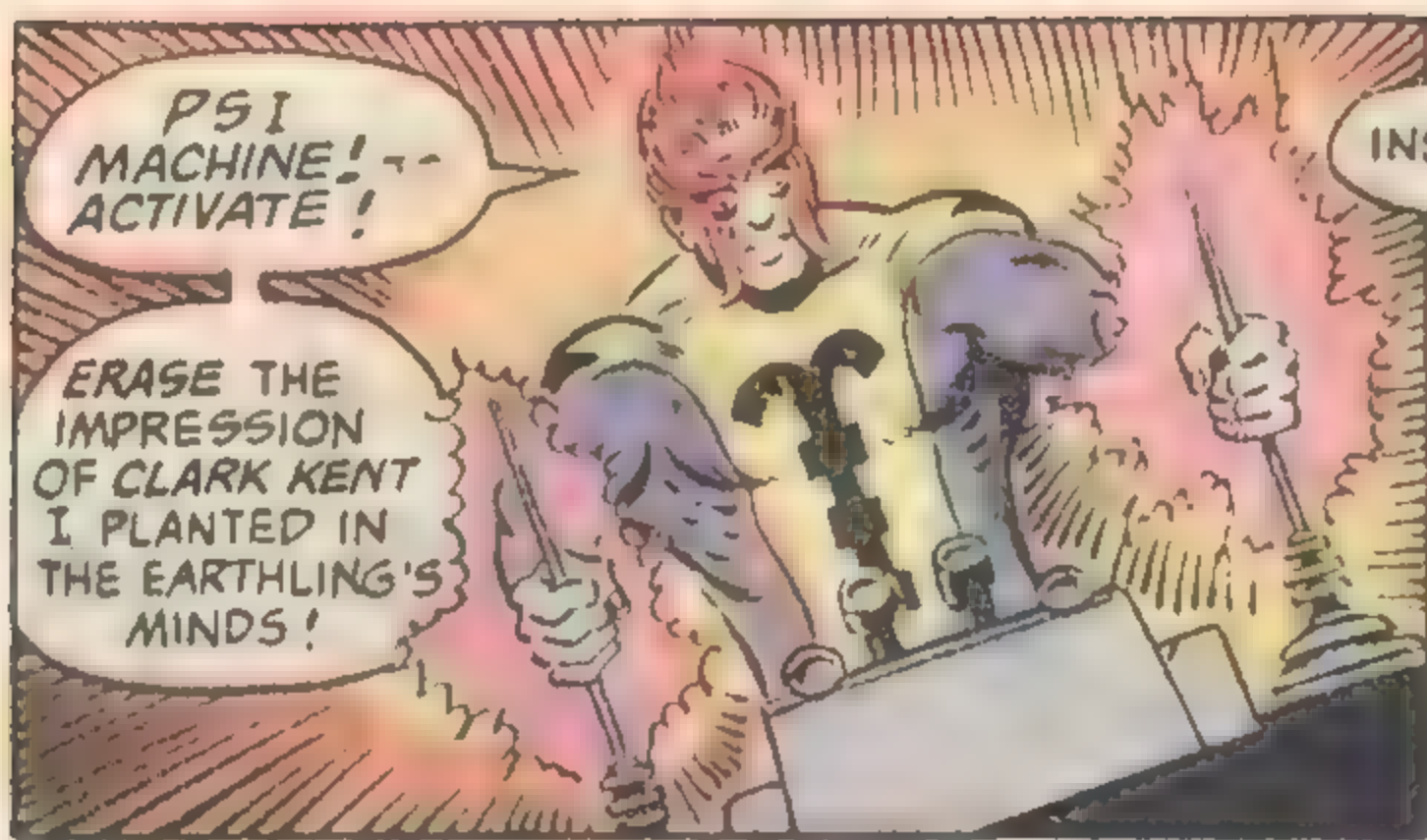
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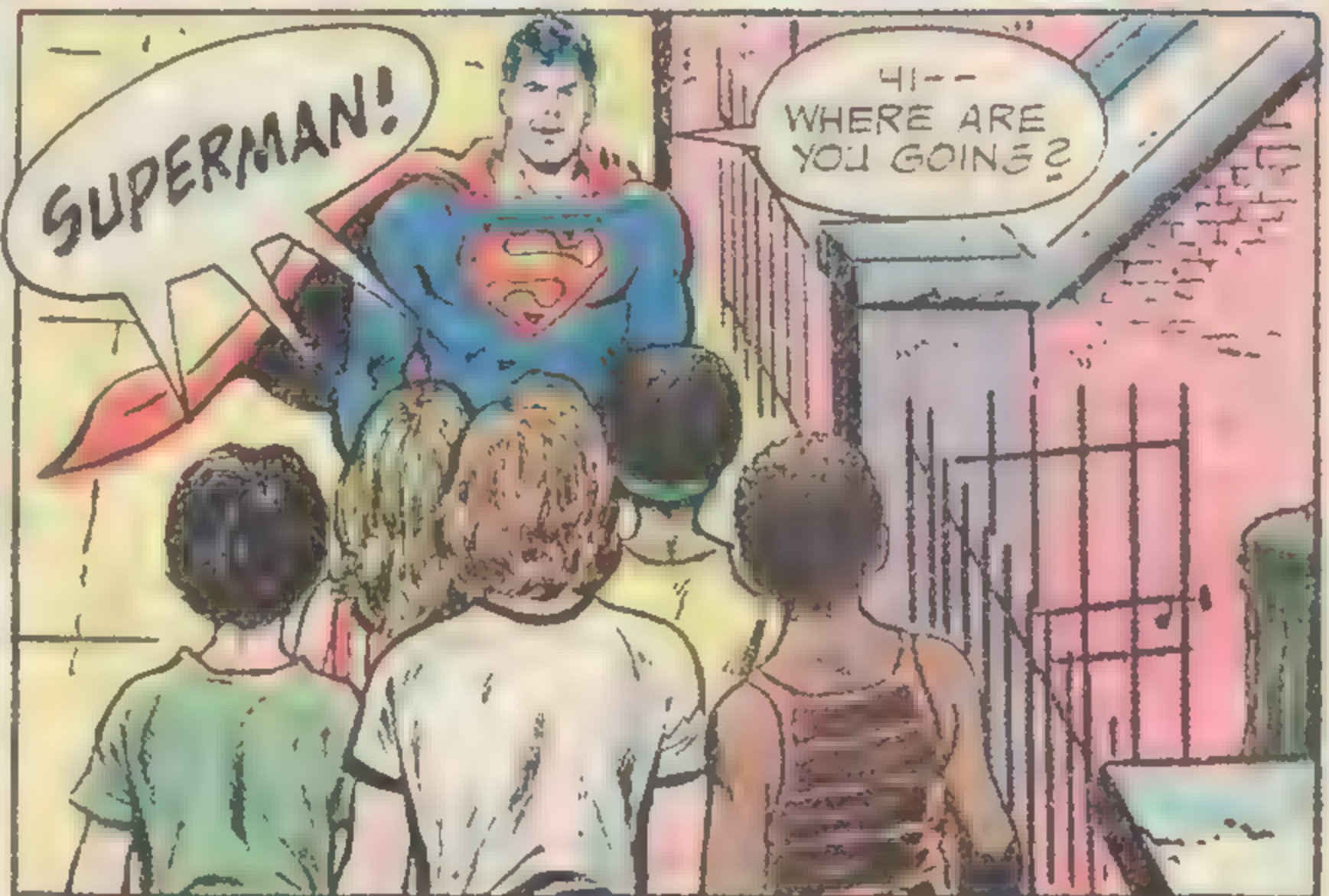
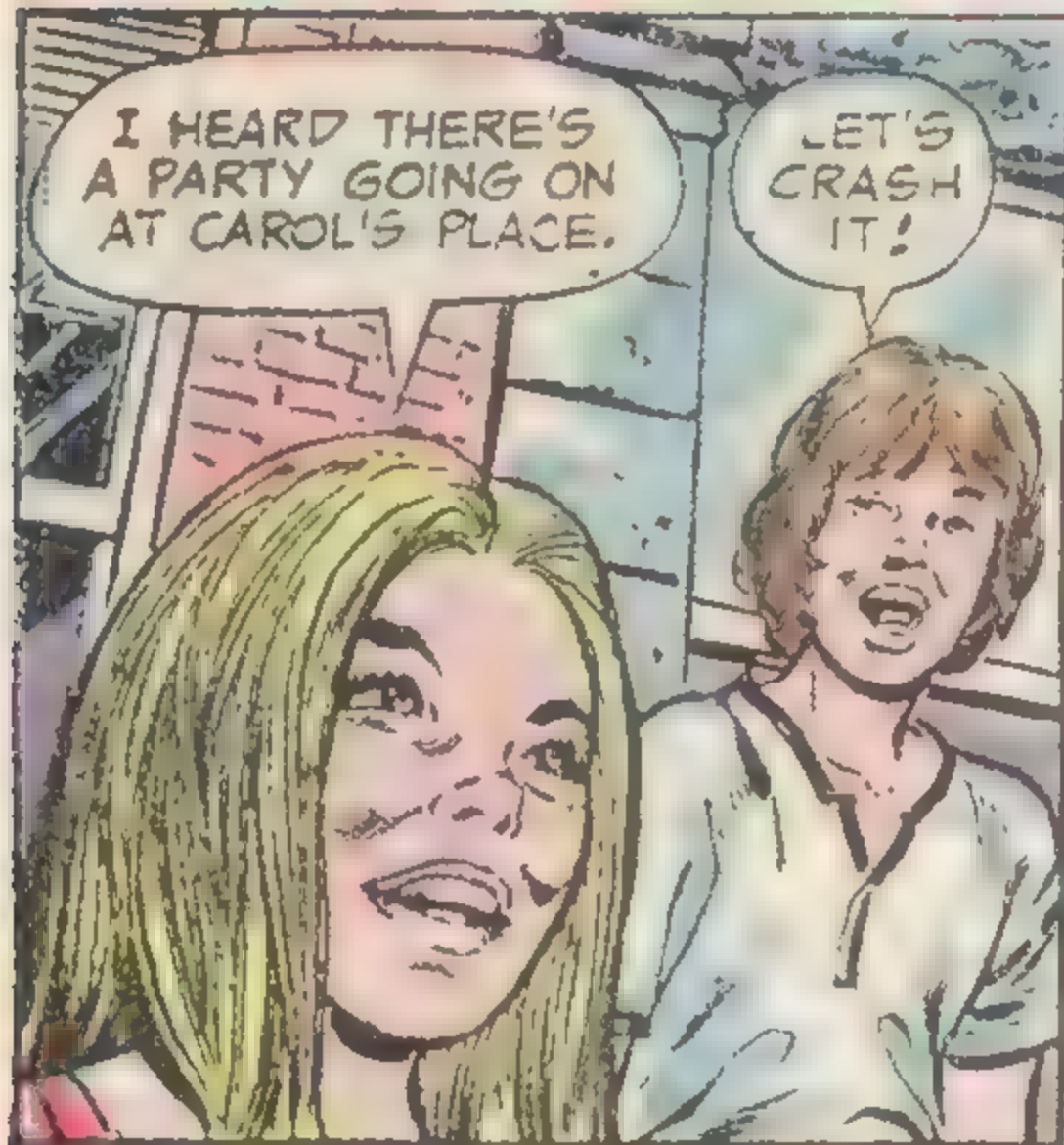
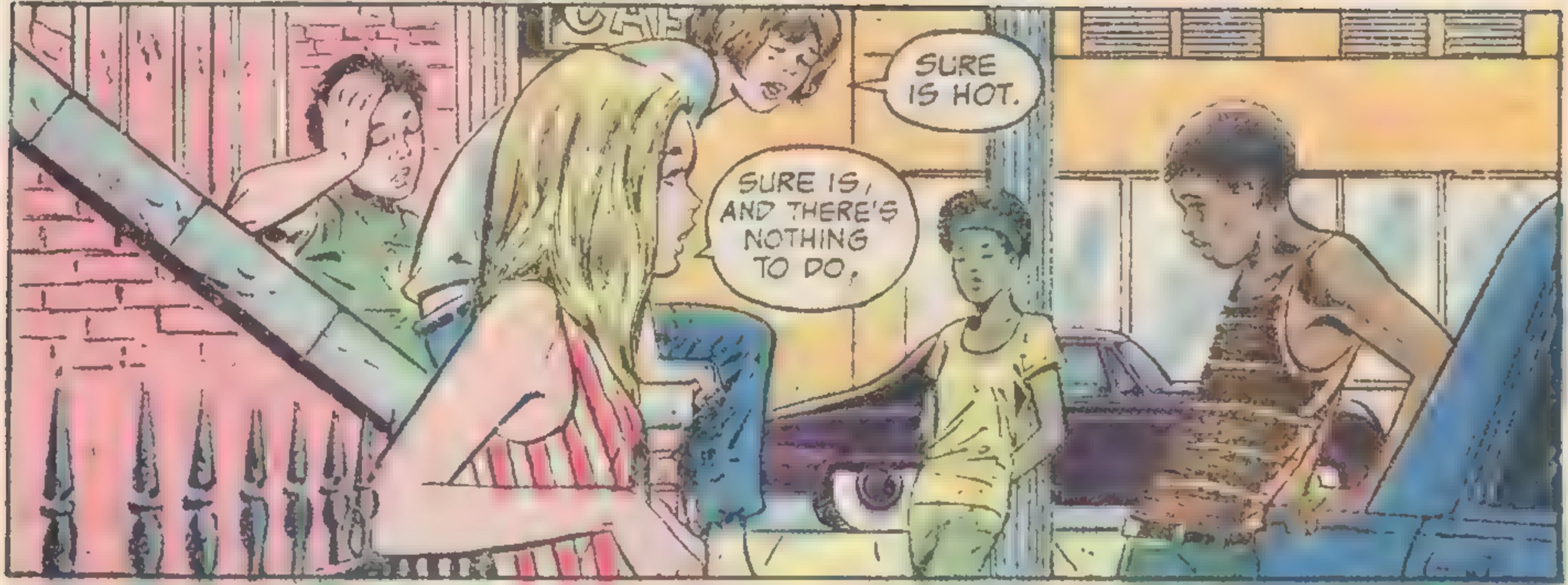
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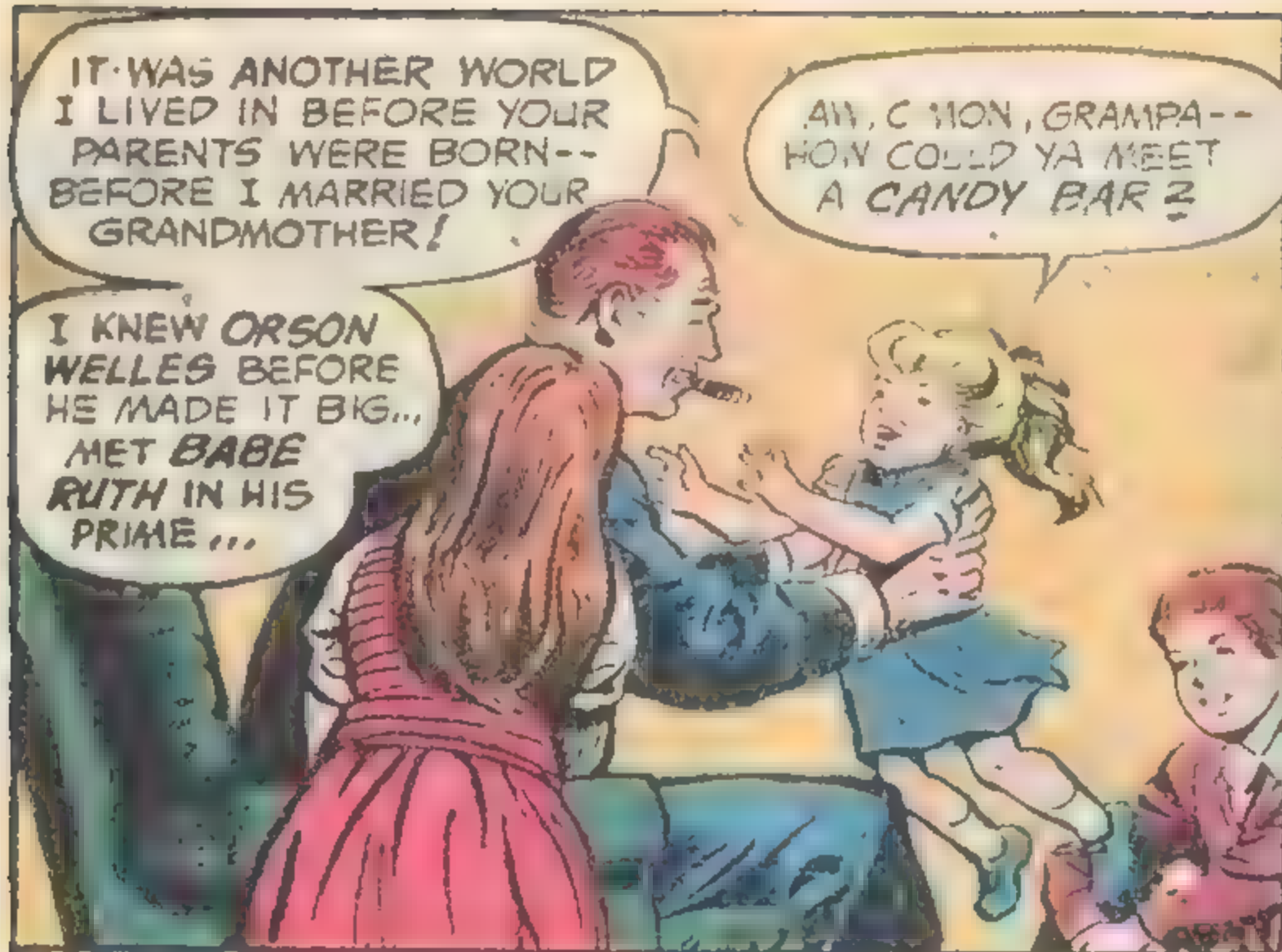
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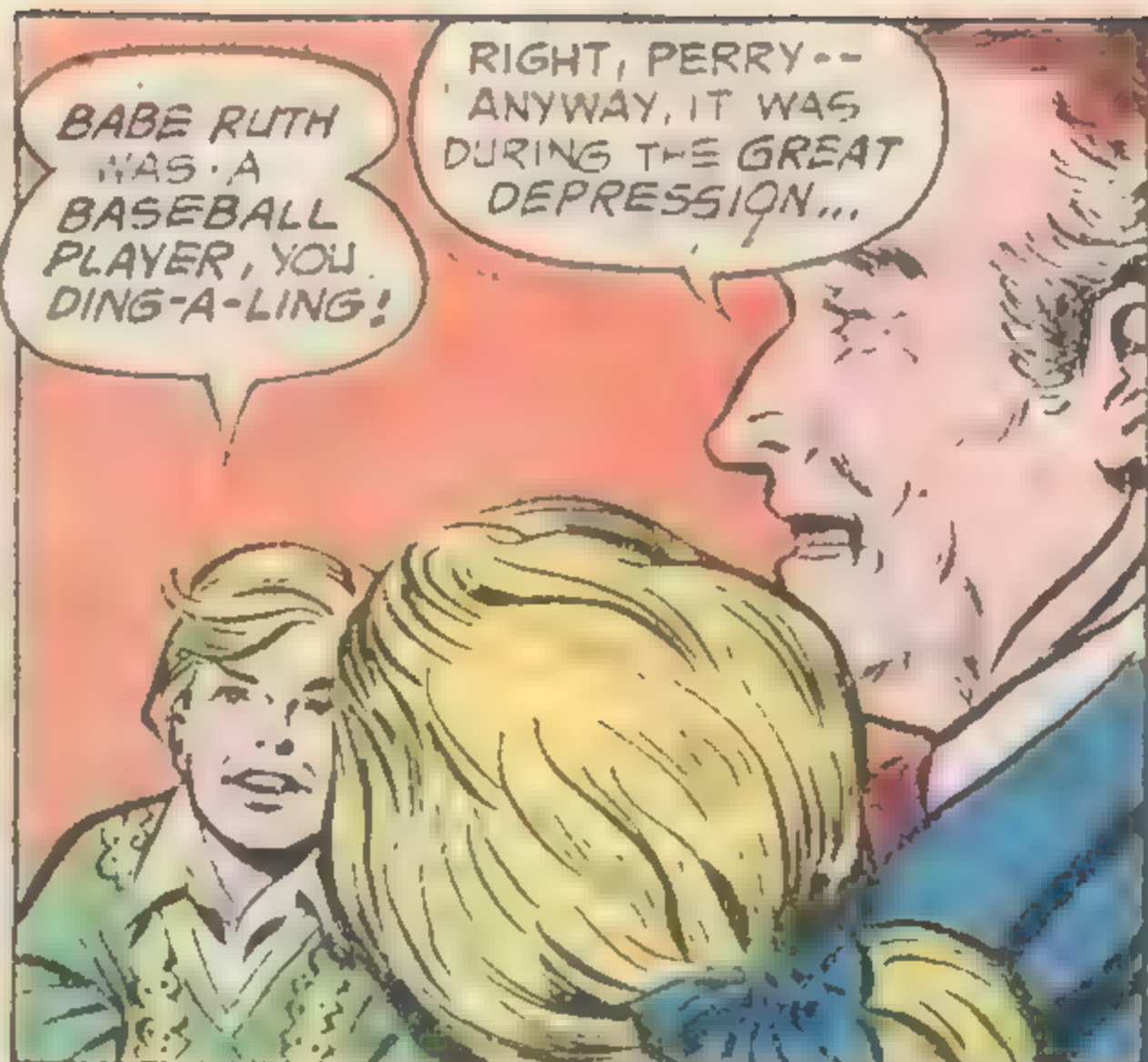
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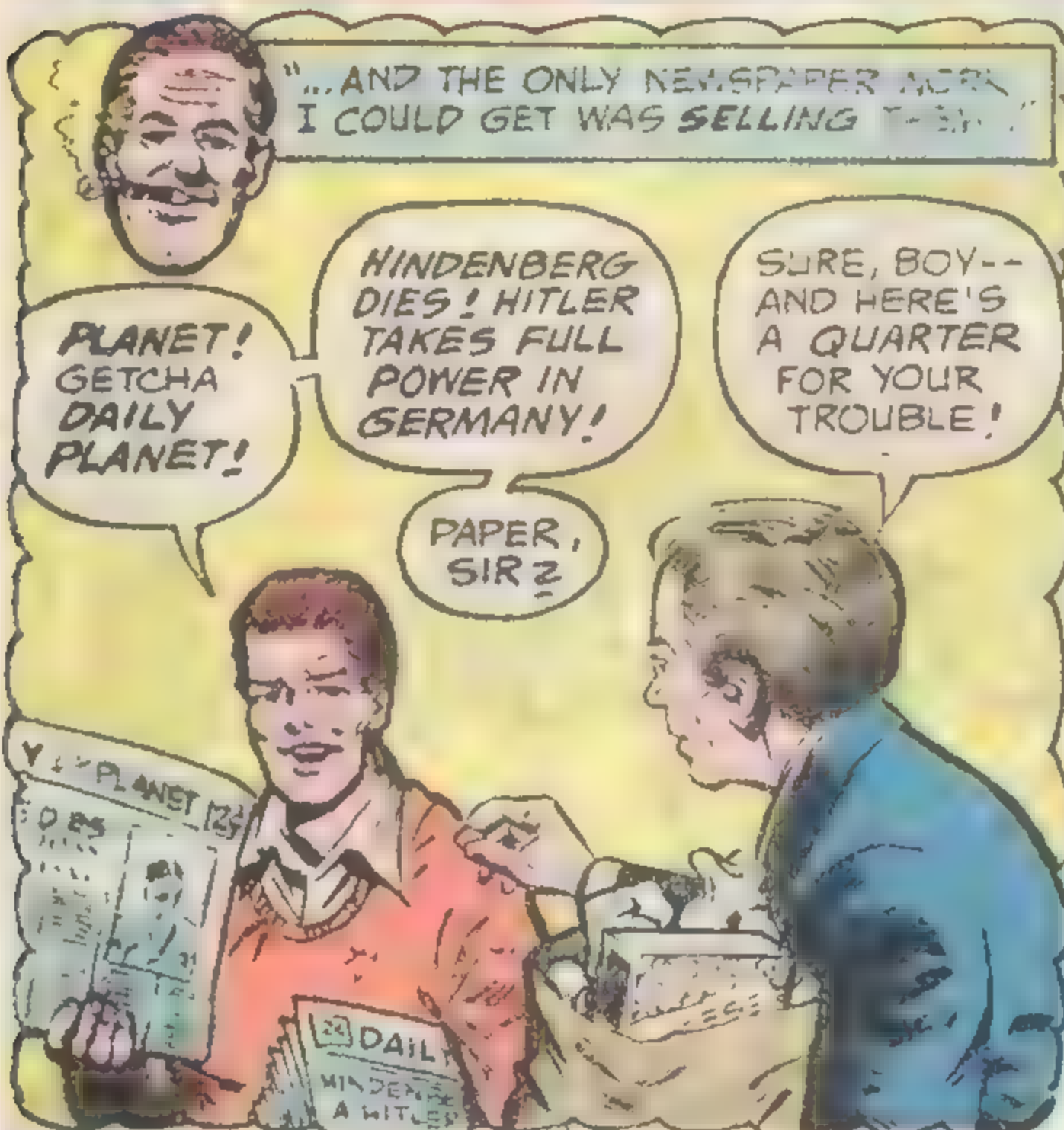
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I KNEW ORSON WELLES BEFORE HE MADE IT BIG... MET BABE RUTH IN HIS PRIME...



BABE RUTH WAS A BASEBALL PLAYER, YOU DING-A-LING!

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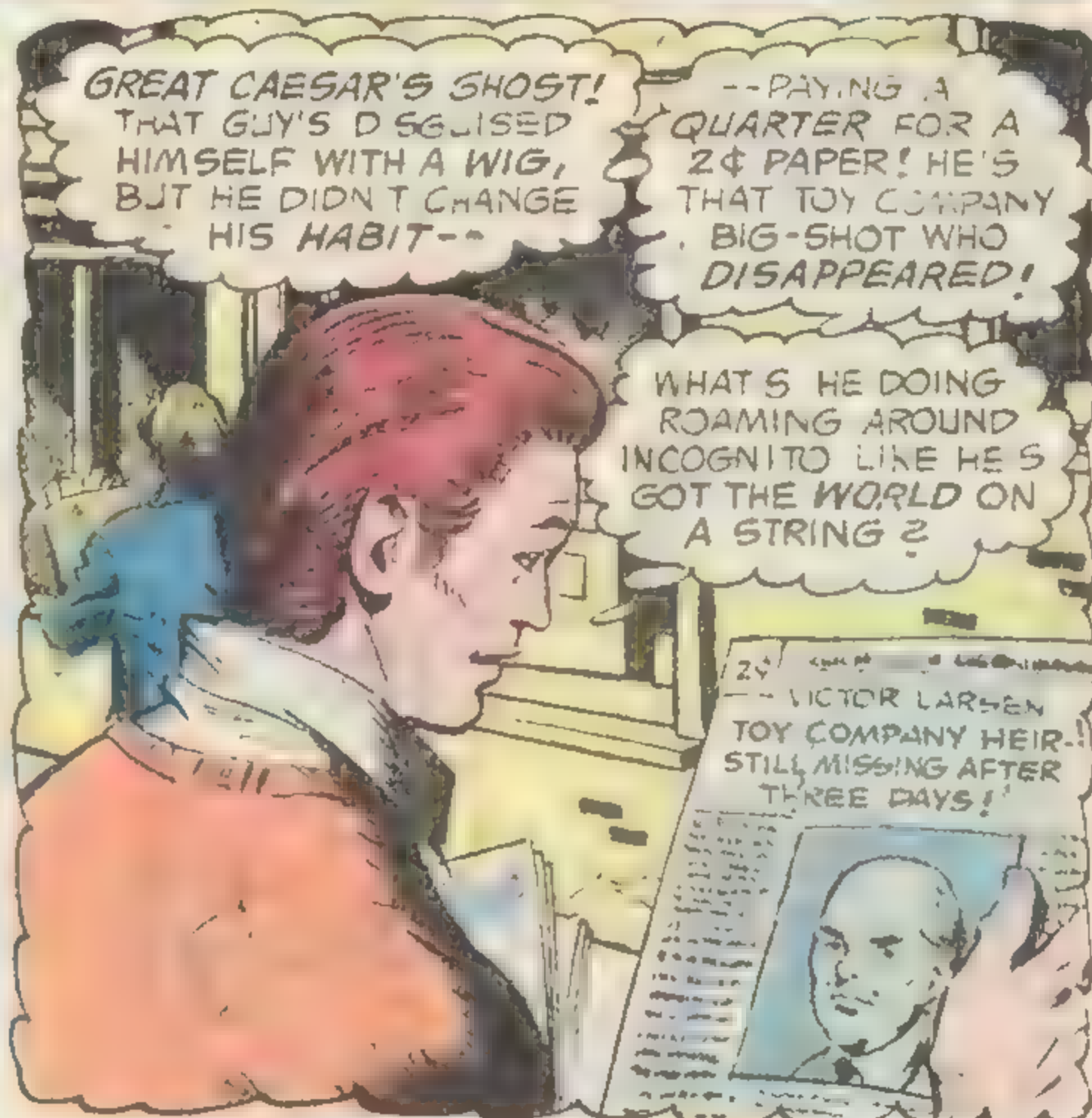
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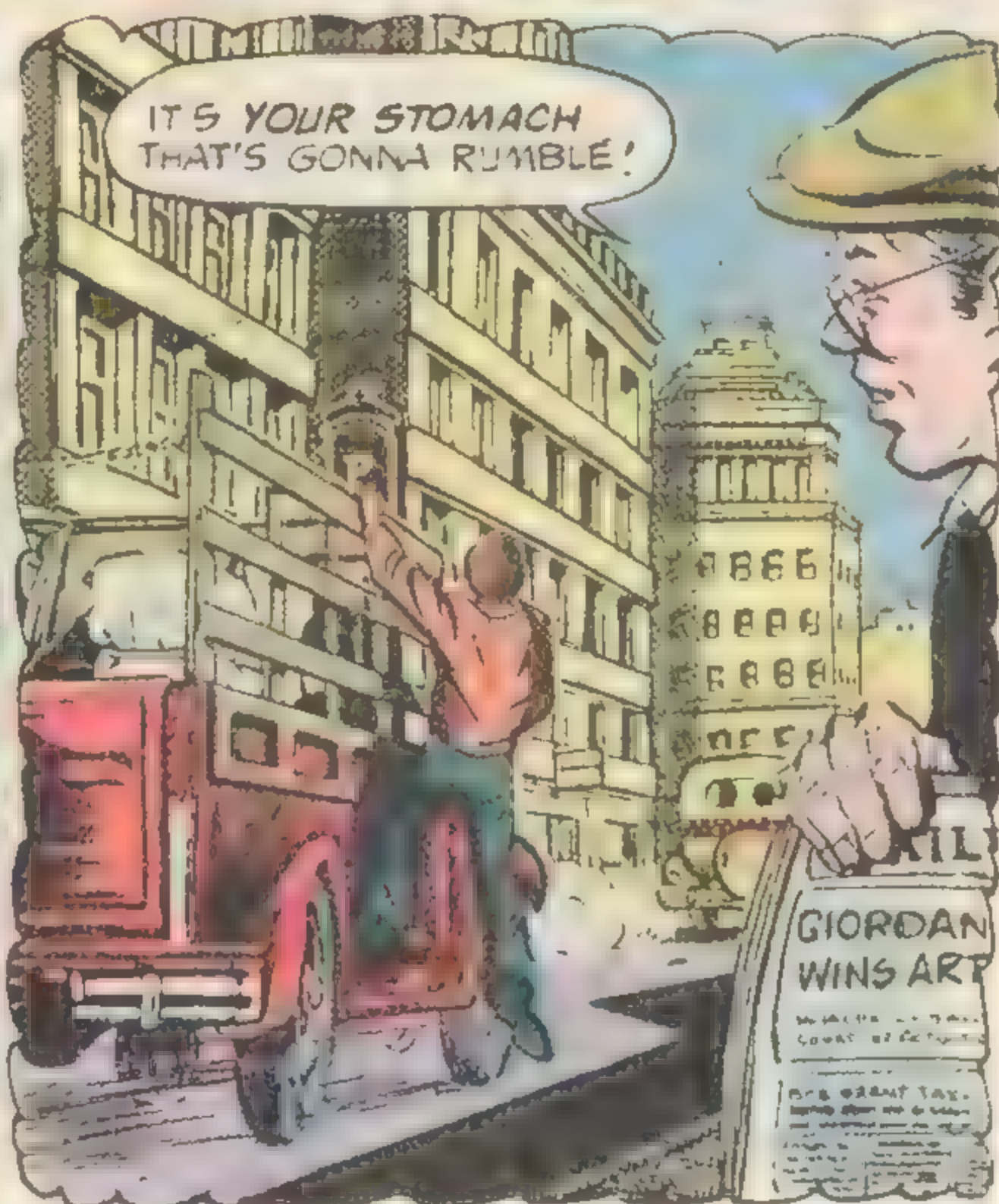
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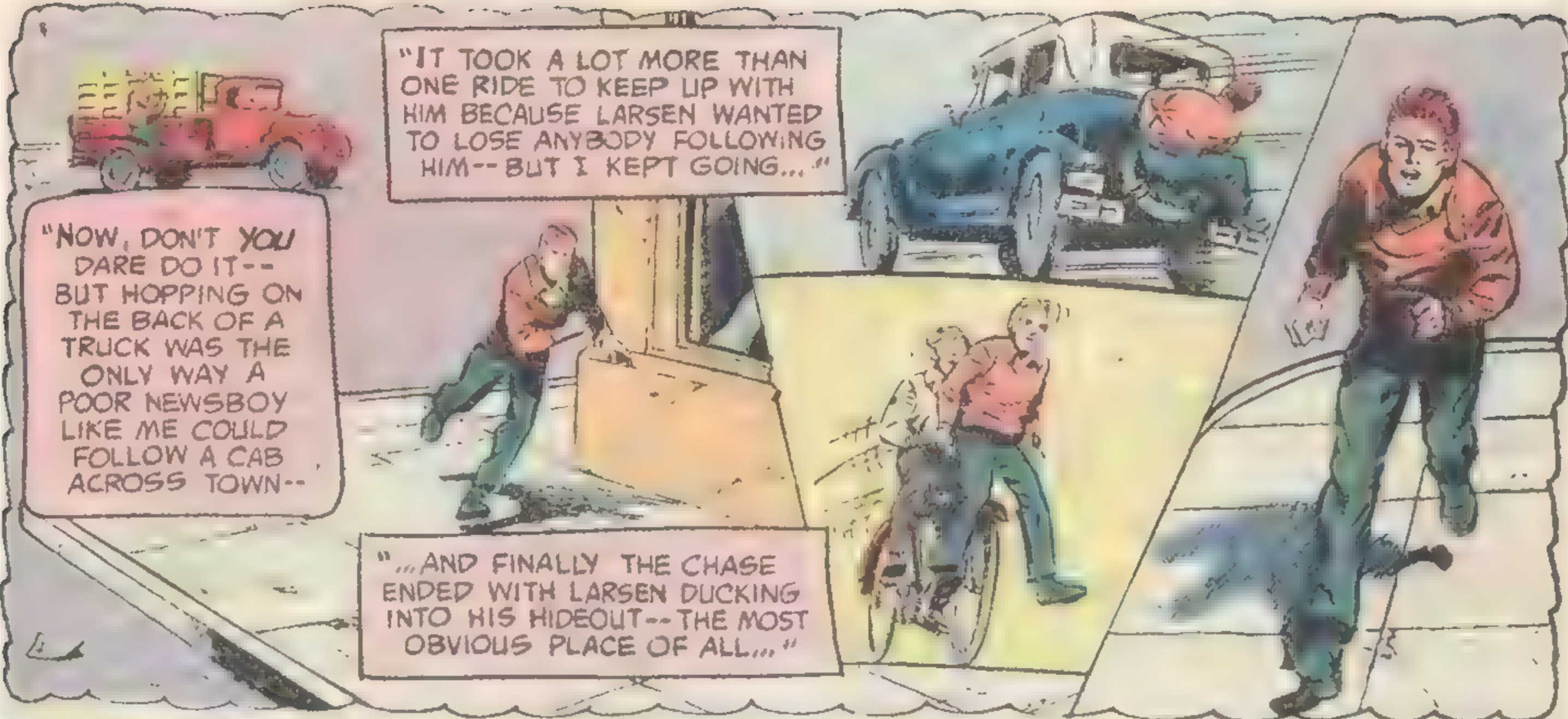
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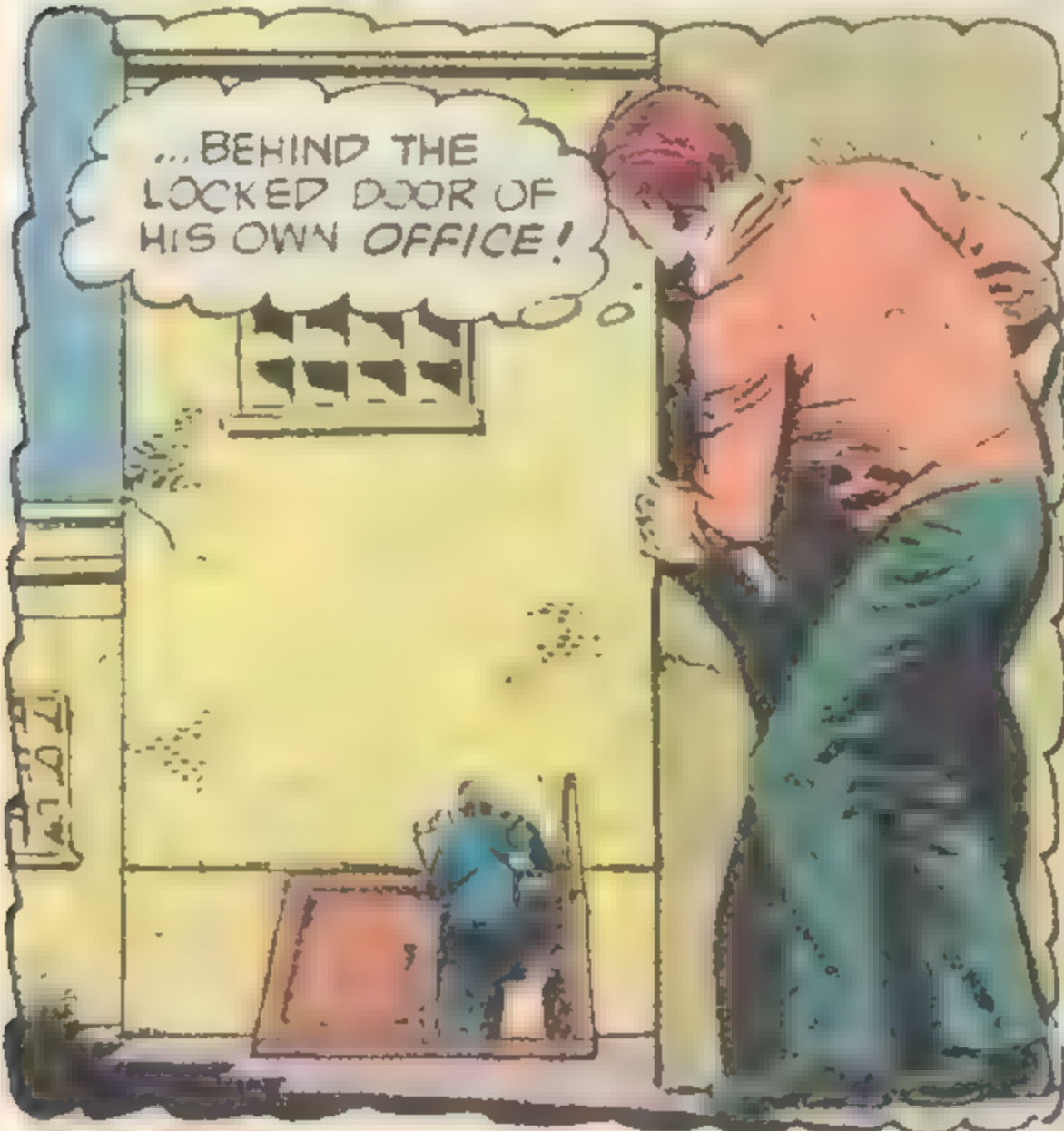
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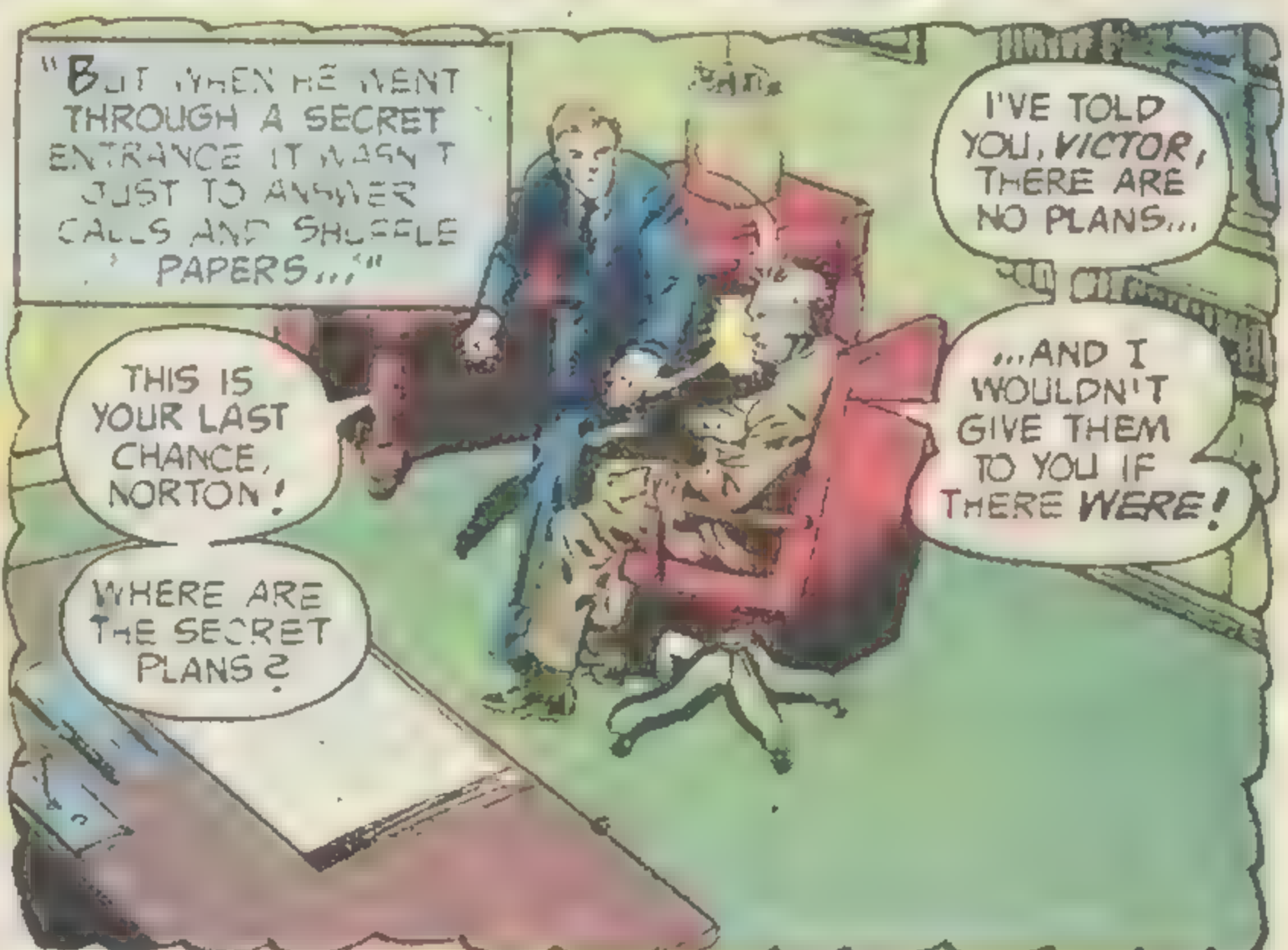
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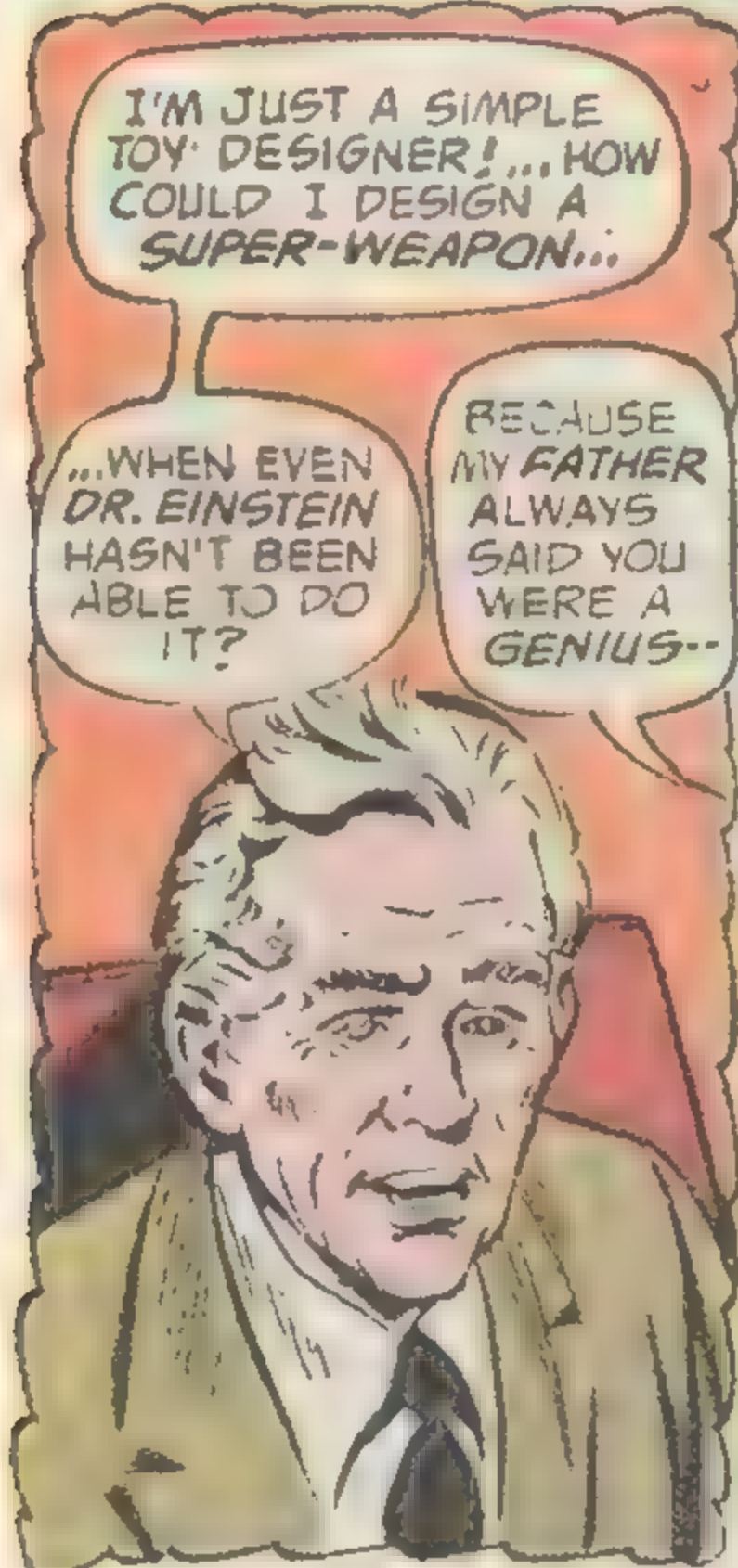
"BUT WHEN HE WENT THROUGH A SECRET ENTRANCE IT WASN'T JUST TO ANSWER CALLS AND SHUFFLE PAPERS..."

"I'VE TOLD YOU, VICTOR, THERE ARE NO PLANS..."

"THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, NORTON!"

"WHERE ARE THE SECRET PLANS?"

"...AND I WOULDN'T GIVE THEM TO YOU IF THERE WERE!"



"I'M JUST A SIMPLE TOY DESIGNER!... HOW COULD I DESIGN A SUPER-WEAPON..."

"...WHEN EVEN DR. EINSTEIN HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO IT?"

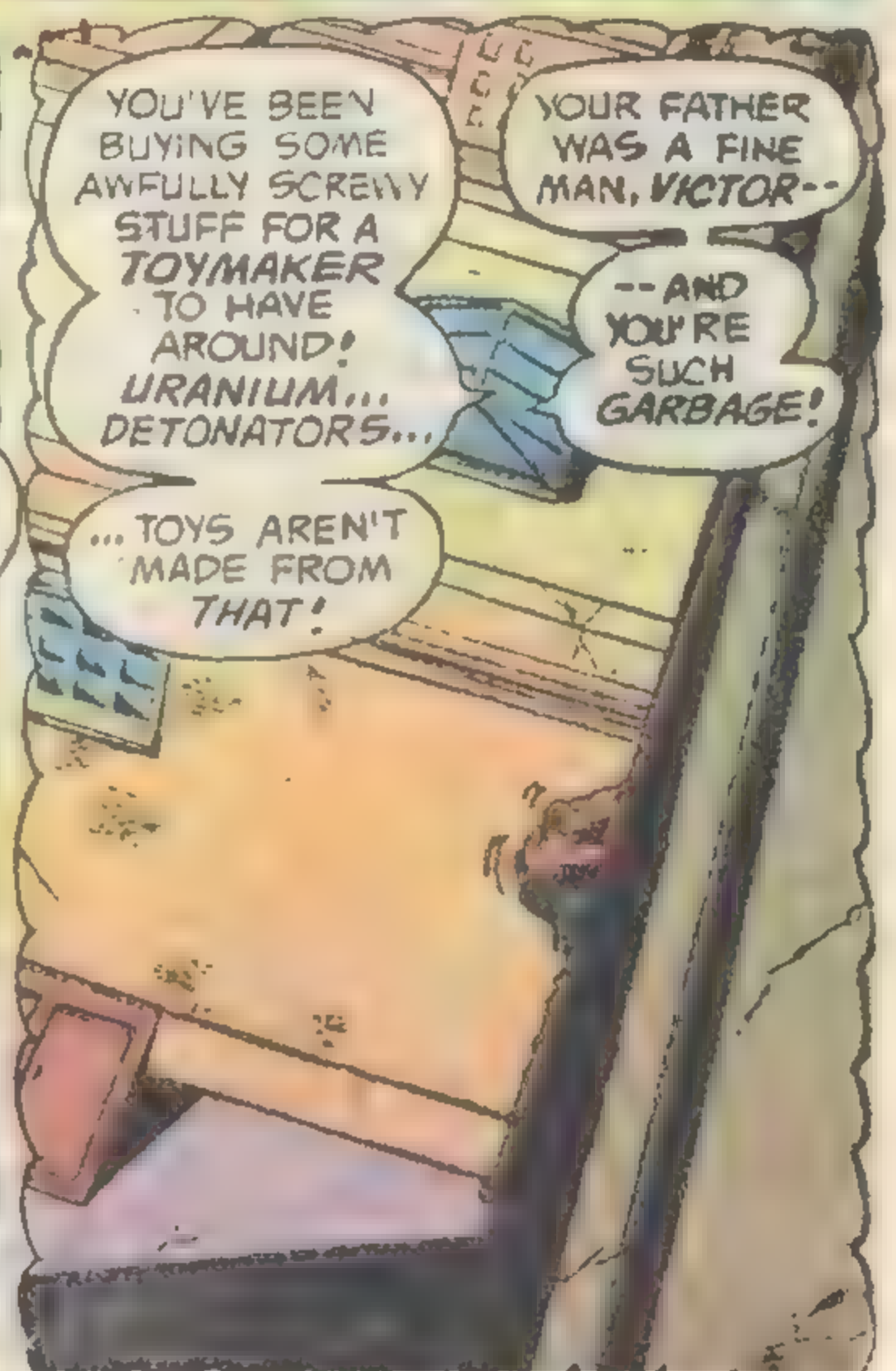
"BECAUSE MY FATHER ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE A GENIUS--"



"--AND YOU'RE A TOYMAKER ONLY BECAUSE THE DEPRESSION MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO WORK AS A PHYSICIST!"

"WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU ATE, DOC? I'LL BET YOU'RE STARVED!"

"START TALKING... AND YOU CAN START EATING!"



"YOU'VE BEEN BUYING SOME AWFULLY SCREWY STUFF FOR A TOYMAKER TO HAVE AROUND! URANIUM... DETONATORS..."

"YOUR FATHER WAS A FINE MAN, VICTOR--"

"--AND YOU'RE SUCH GARBAGE!"

"...TOYS AREN'T MADE FROM THAT!"

"I DISCOVERED BY LISTENING AT THE CRACKED SKYLIGHT THAT LARSEN OWED A FORTUNE IN GAMBLING DEBTS TO THE MOB..."

"...AND I FIGURED HE PULLED THE DISAPPEARANCE ACT TO KEEP THEM FROM RUBBING HIM OUT!"

RUB HIM OUT, GRANDPA?

ER...WASTE HIM, DEAR!

"IT SEEMED THAT DR. NORTON HAD COMPLETED PLANS FOR-- GET THIS-- SOMETHING OUT OF AMAZING STORIES--AN ATOMIC BOMB!"

"LARSEN KIDNAPPED THE DOC TO GET THE PLANS FROM HIM SO HE COULD AUCTION THEM TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!"

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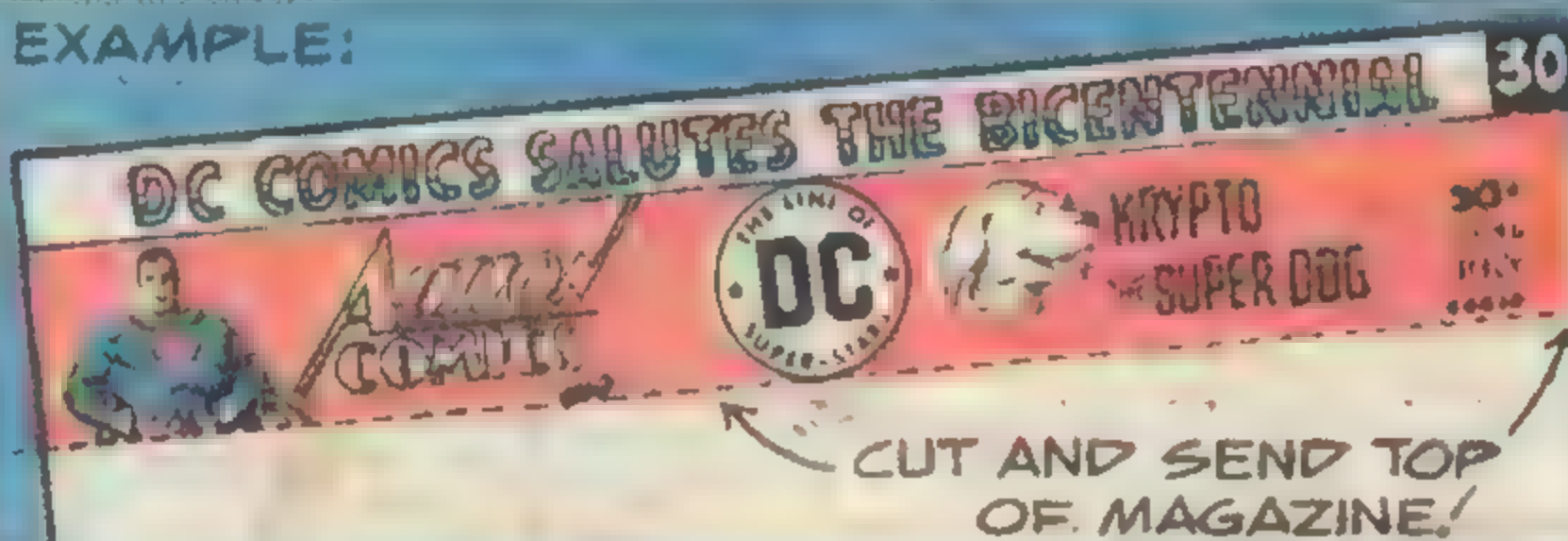
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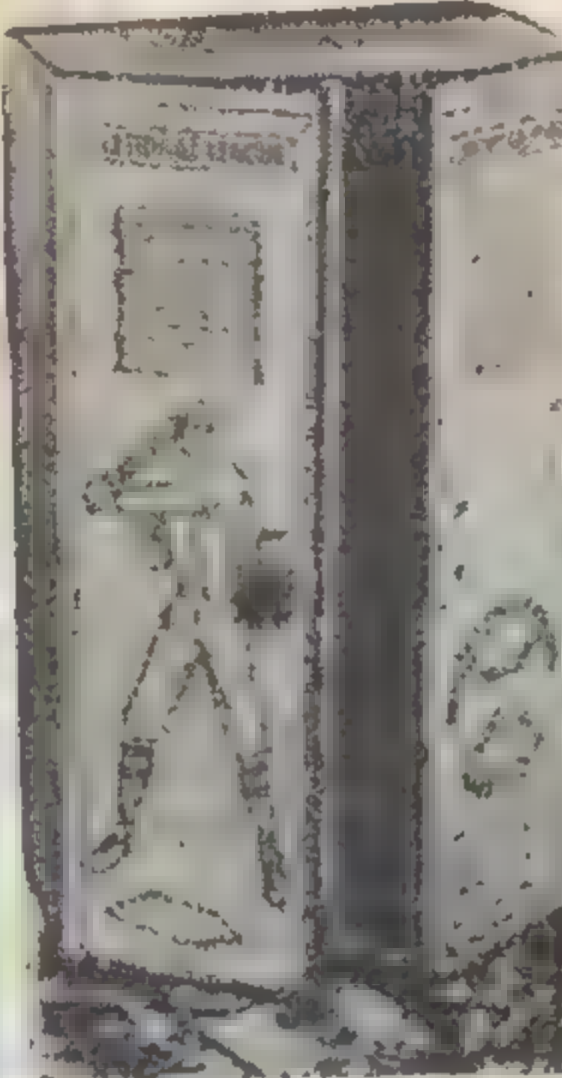
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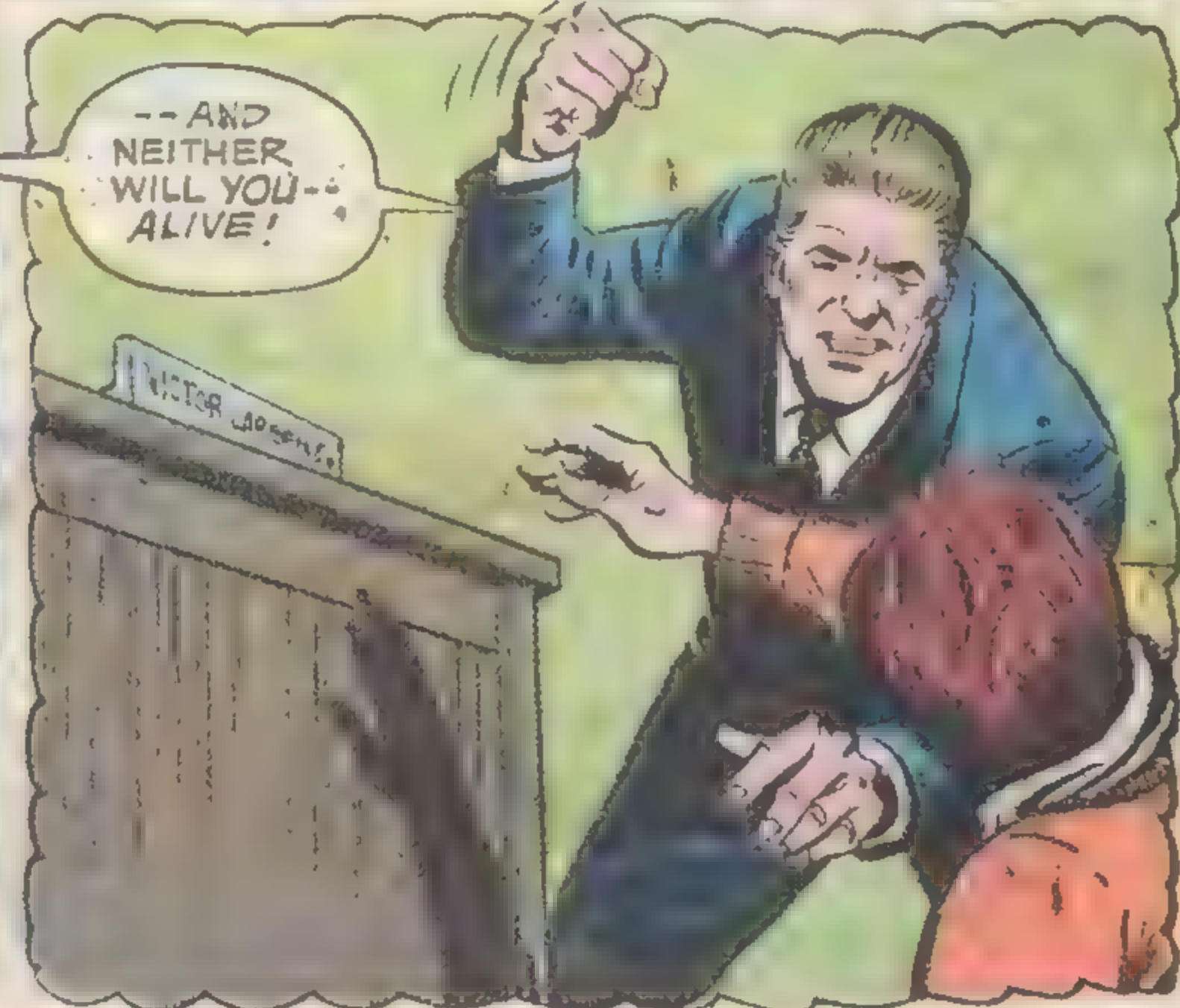
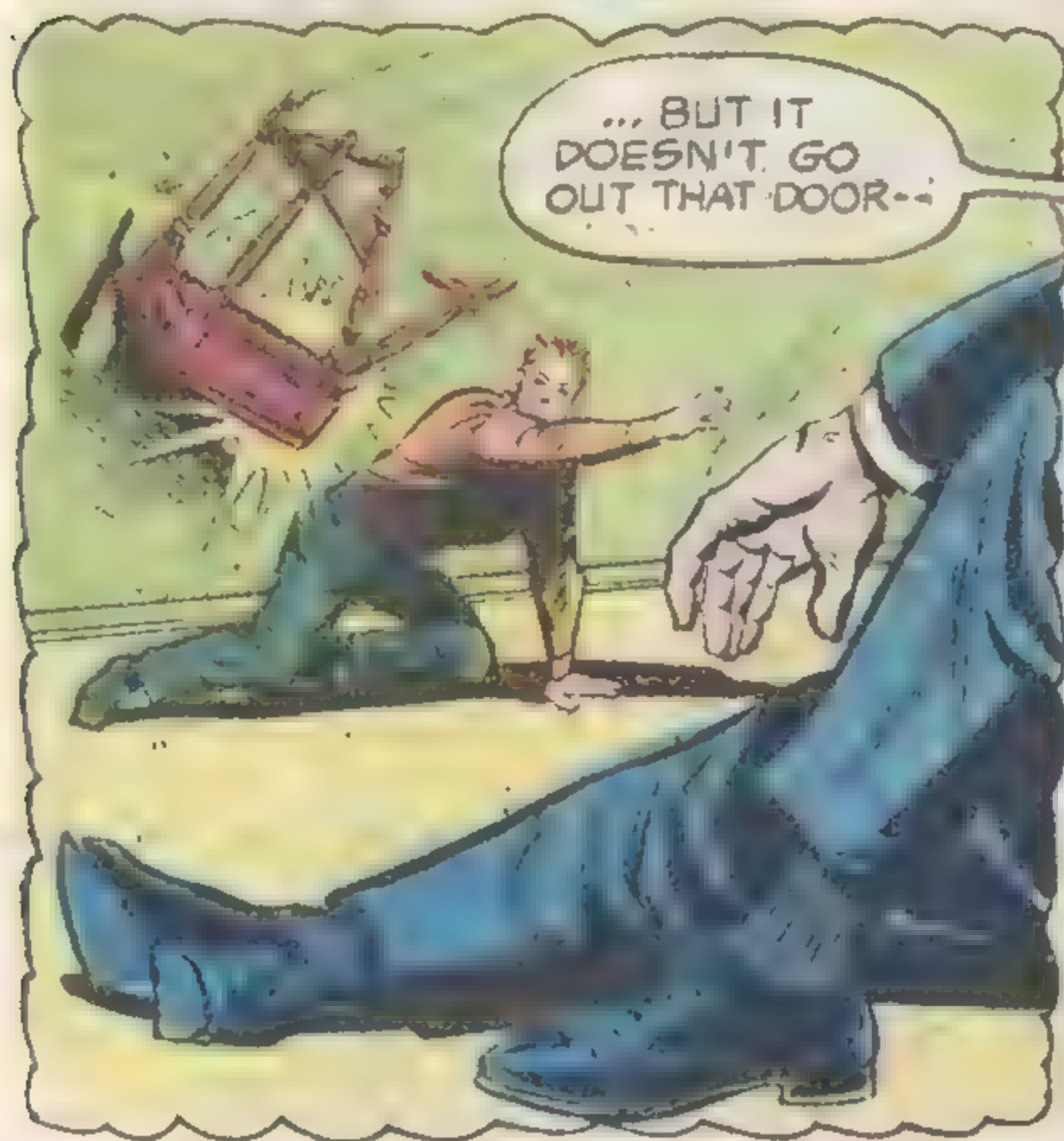
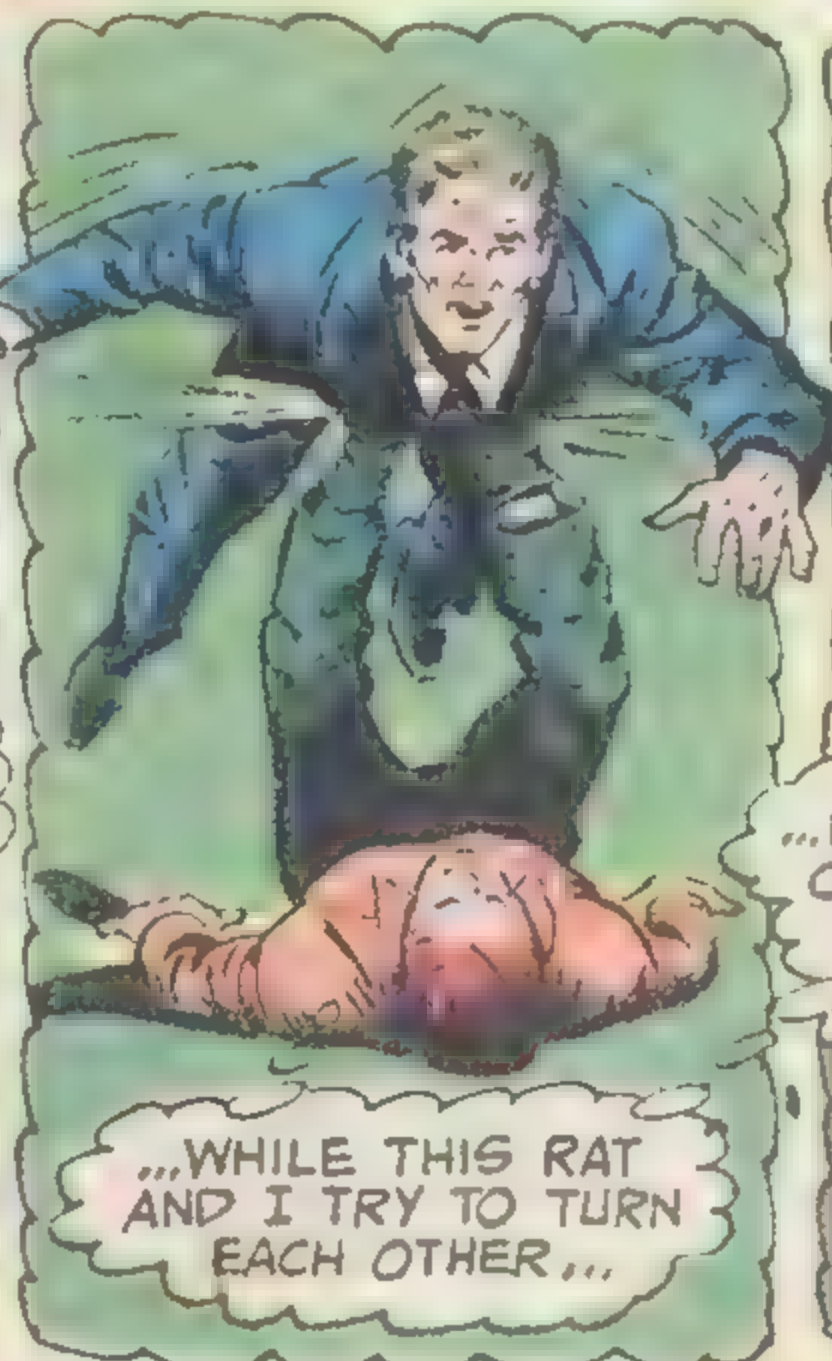
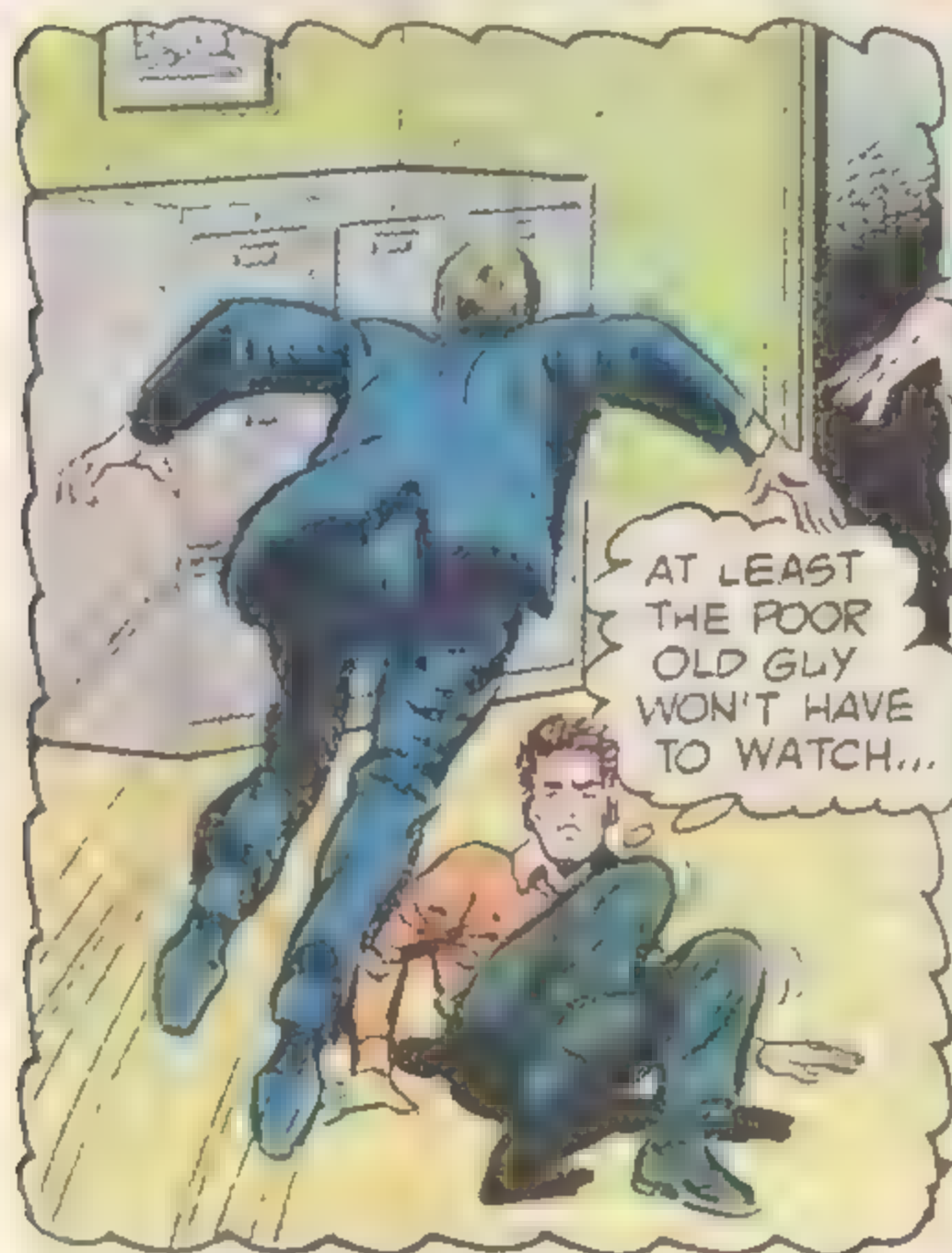
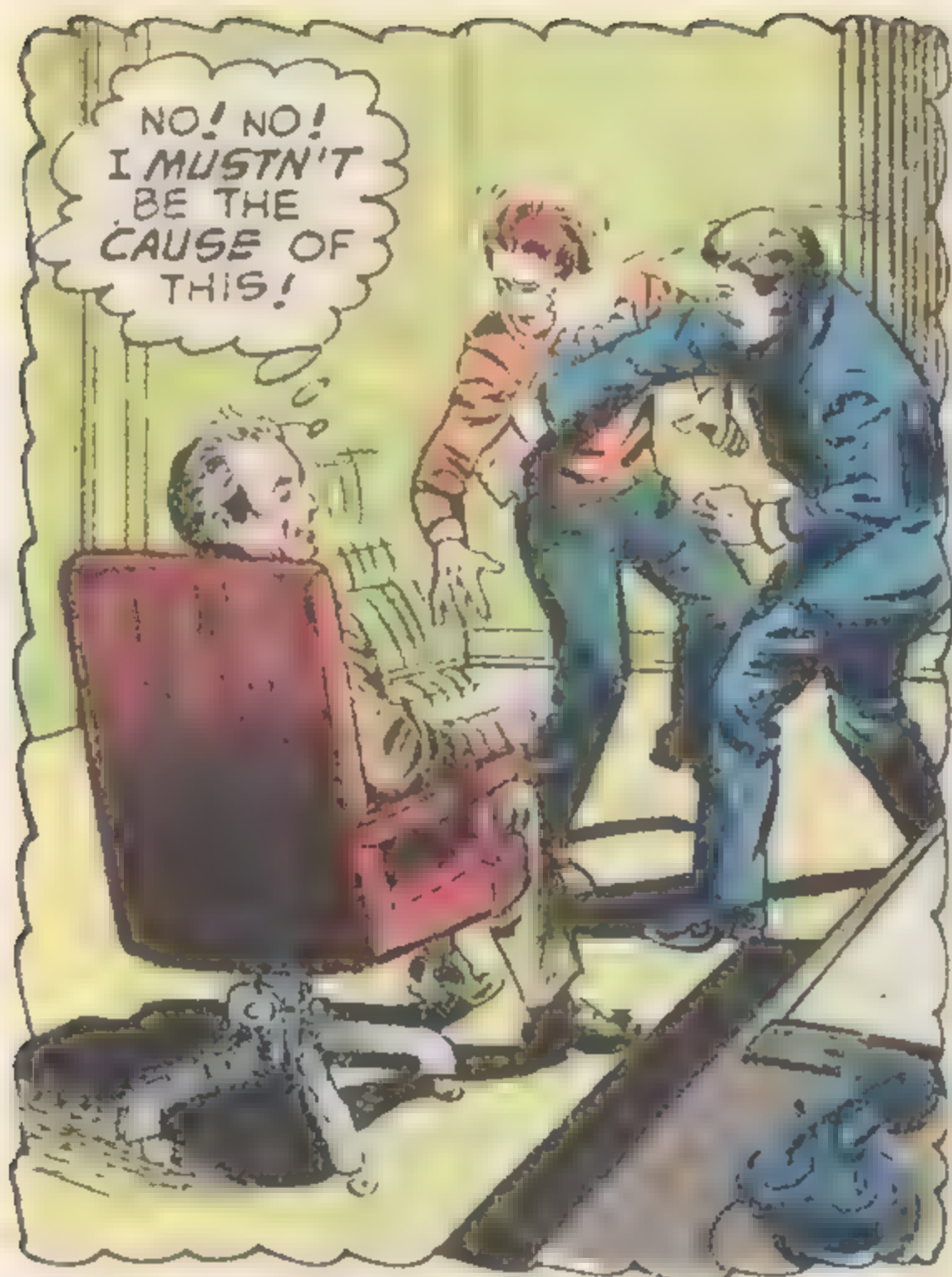
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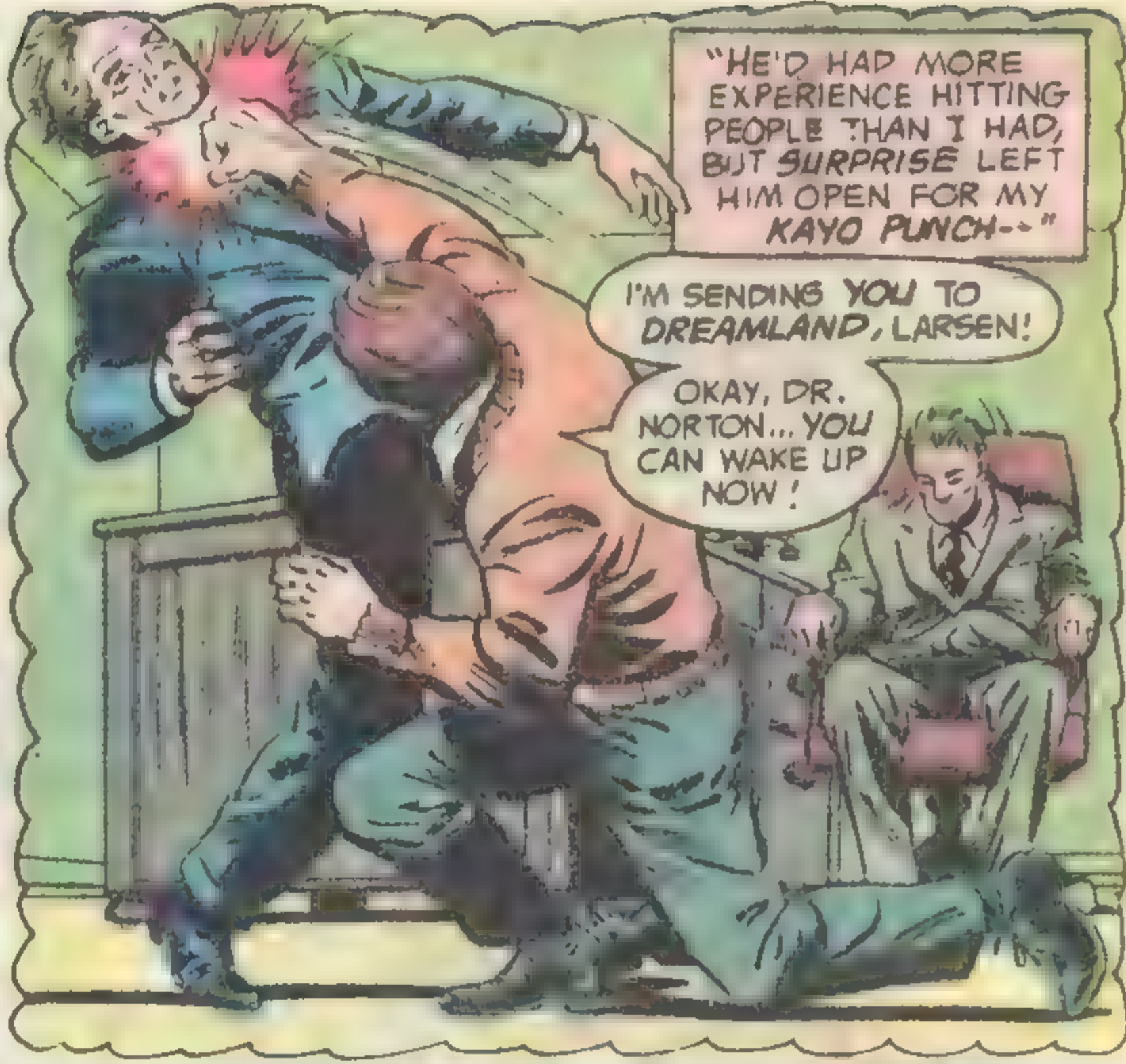
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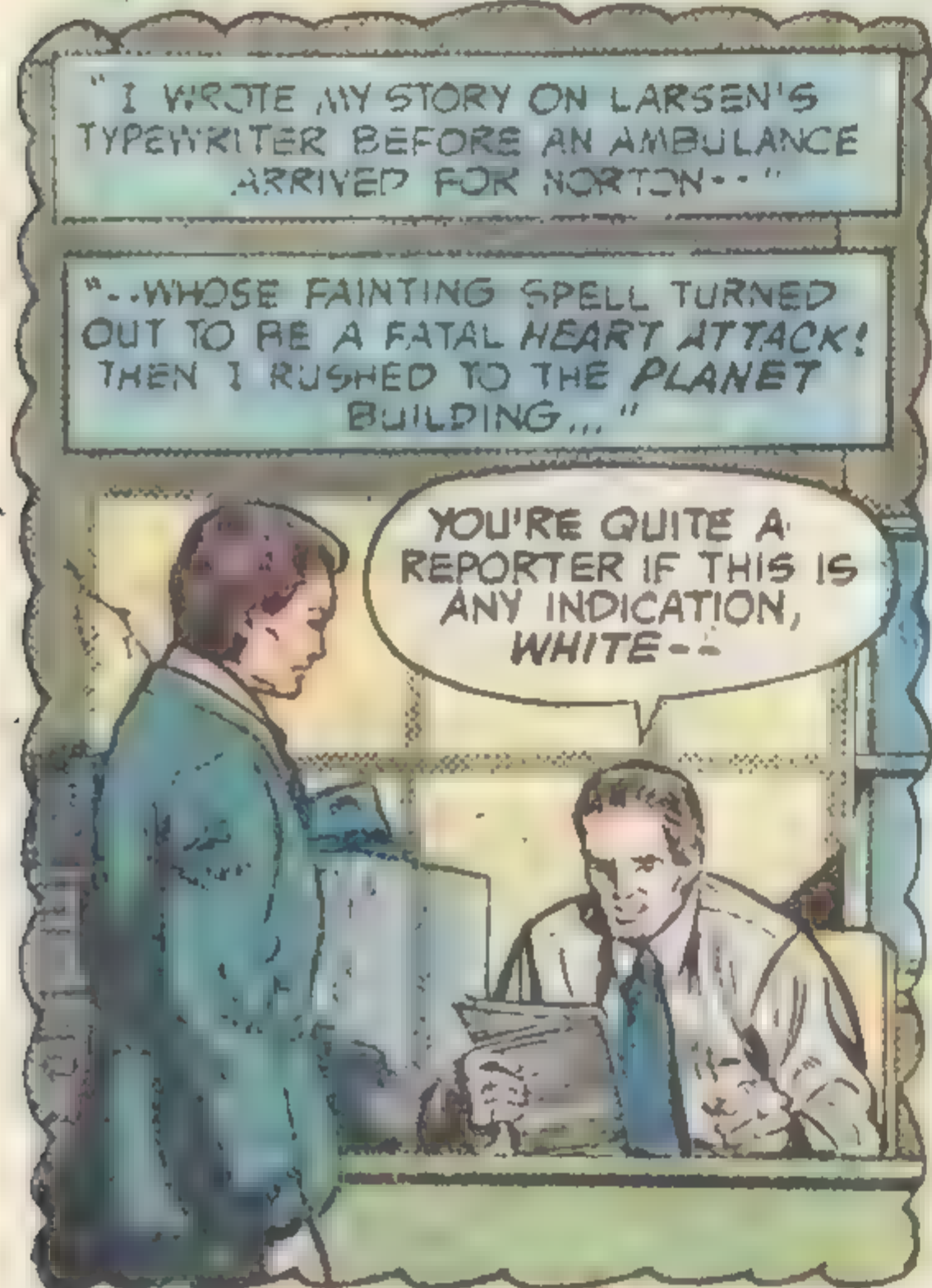
DR. LARSEN



"HE'D HAD MORE EXPERIENCE HITTING PEOPLE THAN I HAD, BUT SURPRISE LEFT HIM OPEN FOR MY KAYO PUNCH--"

"I'M SENDING YOU TO DREAMLAND, LARSEN!"

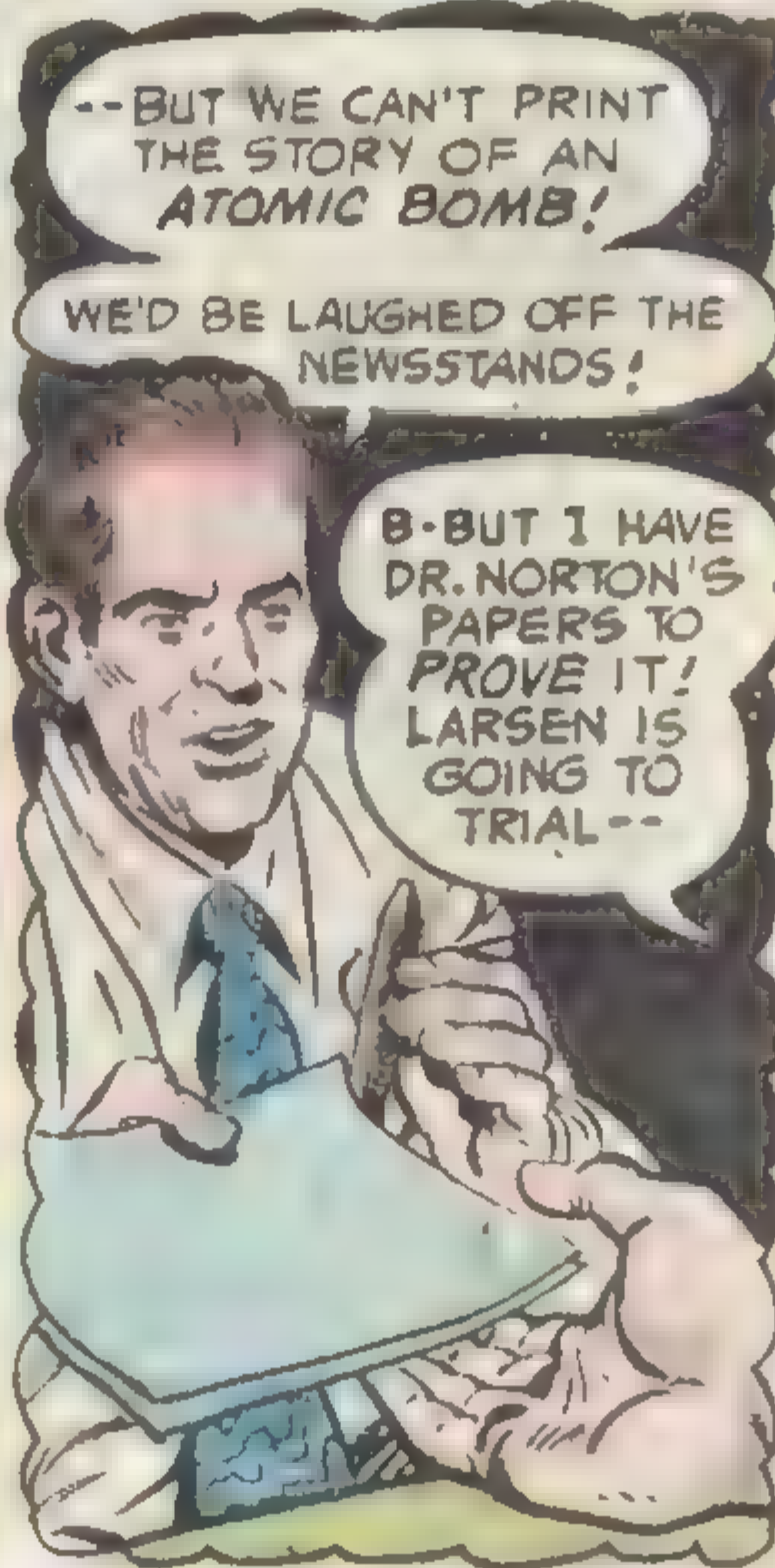
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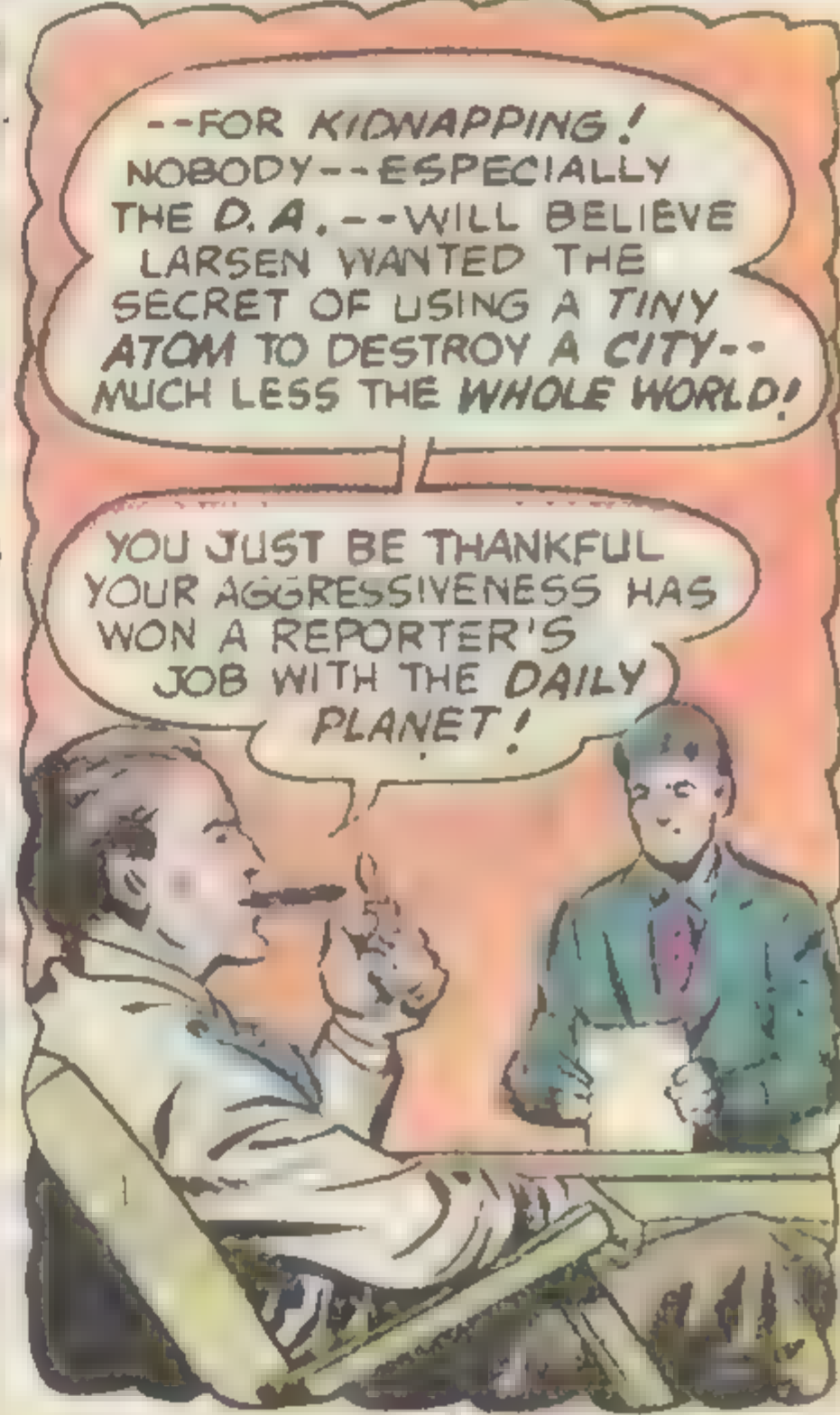
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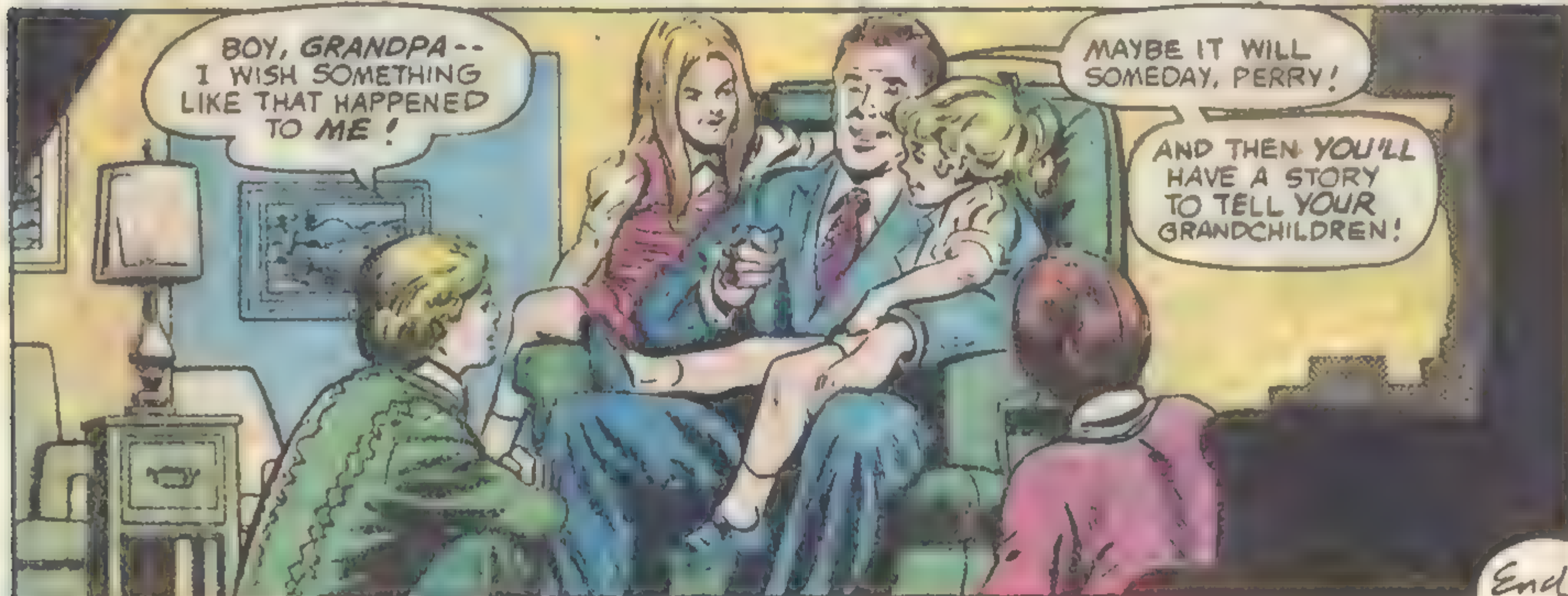
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Dear Editor:

Now, c'mon, you guys! Enough is enough! Must you "geniuses" constantly outdo yourselves with every issue?

I speak, of course, of Action #457 and probably the best yarn that ever involved the Man of Tomorrow, "Superman, You're Not Clark Kent . . . and I can Prove It!" Gerry Conway has what seems to be a natural flair for giving the reader more than he bargained for. Just consider what we got in one 13-page story:

First, there is the introduction of Superman's newest foe, The Whirllicane, who should definitely retire after this bout. I mean there was just no contest. None.

Next, we meet Pete Ross's son, Jonathan (I didn't even know Pete was married!), and discover the poor tyke is "dying" to find out who Superman really is. (Sorry, that just kinda slipped out!)

And then . . . conflict! After the Kryptonian Colossus exposes his secret identity to young Ross, the boy refuses to believe it! Absolute genius! Superman's efforts to prove himself just added to the quality of the story.

The simple way Jon Ross finally proved his hero was telling the truth was brilliant, as was the entire story. Re-e-e-e-ally good!

So, with Action constantly reaching new heights of true greatness, I anxiously await #458. (If you outdo yourselves again, you might just get that floral spray, E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

The way Gerry Conway can write, it's no wonder I liked Action #457. When Gerry came to DC, it was only natural he should script the number one super-hero. And boy, did he ever script a story!

I suppose you could call the story touching, but it was more than that. Here is Superman, who has covered his identity for years, trying to convince a child he is Clark Kent. From Jon's evidence, I began to wonder how Supes would do it!

As villains go, Whirllicane wasn't too bad. He has the required qualities (brashness, a cunning mind) and a decent power. His idea of coating Supes with lead was worthy of Terra-Man or Brainiac. For once, Lois Lane actually saw Clark Kent exposed as Superman. It was a nice scene and if Jon hadn't been there . . . well, no more Clarkie! But what got me the most was that I

hadn't known Pete Ross was married. With a son, no less.

I was expecting a Green Arrow-Black Canary 3-parter, but near the end of "Flight of the Nutty Kid," I started to have some doubts. Then Luthor popped up and my faith in Elliot remained unshaken.

You probably expected me to comment on this story, but I've decided to wait for the conclusion. I will say that besides Elliot Maggin and Mike Grell, EM and MG stand for Easily Magnificent and Merely Great.

Mike White, Mackinaw, Ill.

(You're not alone—nobody around here knew Pete was married until Gerry's story!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

"Superman, You're Not Clark Kent" has to be the corniest Superman story ever. I seriously doubt Jon Ross would've been saved by finding out Superman's identity. That would be like saying the cause of his death, if he had died, was not knowing Superman's identity.

The Green Arrow story was excellent by comparison, and in its own right. This, I believe, is the first Arrow story with Lex Luthor in it. The conclusion should prove to be most interesting.

Mark Schmieder, Concord, Mass.

(I'm sure there must have been others who didn't like the SUPERMAN story—but if so, we have yet to hear from them.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

The idea of having Superman reveal his identity after all these years of hush-hush secrecy, and then have trouble doing it, has to be one of the greatest ideas to be thought of by DC's writing staff (and you've thought of many good ideas in the past).

This is the part that really got me. We see Steve Lombard catching the "Superman back to Clark" switcheroo bit. He then rips Clark's clothes, revealing the big red "S" in front of Lois Lane! And guess what—nobody believes it!

I just wish Jonathan Ross had gone all out to prove Clark was Superman! Besides checking Clark's medicine cabinet, he could have checked the refrigerator, the secret closet, Clark's glasses, his clothes being impervious to fire, and so on.

Dan Cardenas, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

(Clark keeps his refrigerator stocked with food, though he doesn't HAVE to eat. And Jon didn't know about the closet . . . or the other items, for that matter.—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

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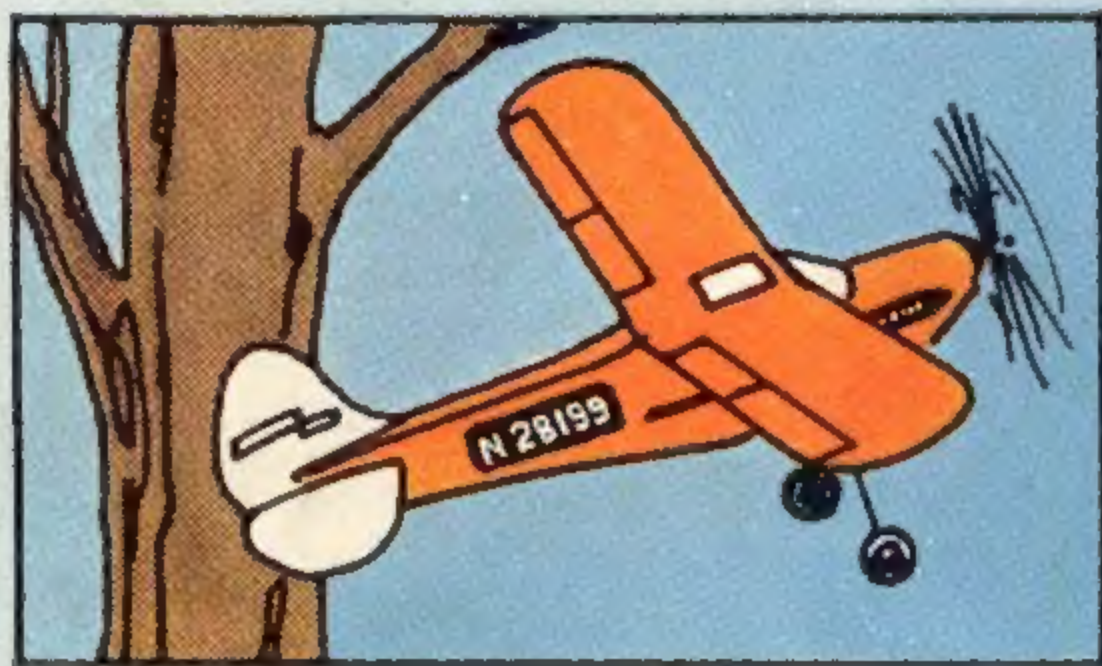
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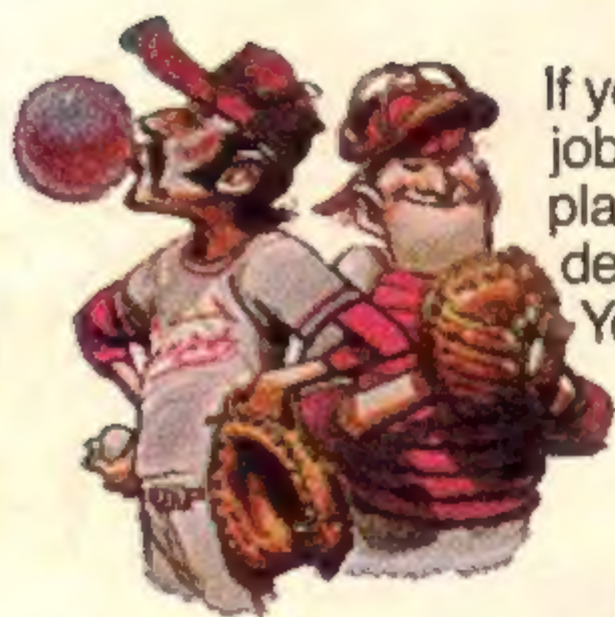
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